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Manglona’s motion is denied

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A request for a temporary restraining order against the impeachment proceedings of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres was denied last Friday, May 6.

Judge pro tempore Timothy Bellas, who appeared via video conference at on oral hearing in Superior Court last Friday, denied the request for a temporary restraining order filed by Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) and a local taxpayer, Carmen Patricia Deleon Guerrero.

Manglona

Manglona and Deleon Guerrero had wanted a temporary halt on the impeachment proceedings against Torres at the Senate in “order to allow the House of Representatives to submit their impeachment records and serve as prosecutors in the upcoming proceedings.”

Initially, the proceedings were slightly delayed due to technical difficulties. The courtroom was filled with Democratic Party supporters of Manglona, including Democratic Party candidate

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Marcos Jr. wins PH presidency in unofficial tally

By JIM GOMEZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The namesake son of late Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos appeared to have been elected Philippine president by a landslide in an astonishing reversal of the 1986 “People Power” pro-democracy revolt that booted his father into global infamy.

Marcos Jr. had more than 30.5 million votes in the un-

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Marcos

Duterte

Hocog is acting presiding impeachment officer

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Hocog

The impeachment proceedings against Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has officially been set to start on May 13, followed by a memorandum issued by acting presiding hearing officer Sen. Victor Hocog (R-Rota) yesterday.

In a brief interview with

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- **Yellow**
- **Blue**
- **Green:** Safest

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‘IPI breaking all kinds of laws is intolerable’

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The Commonwealth Casino Commission says it has had enough of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC’s continuous failure to comply with CNMI laws.

According to CCC executive director Andrew Yeom, IPI’s noncompliance has become intolerable and, although the commission wants it to become legally compliant, the casino operator has broken so many laws that the CCC has no choice but to move for revocation.

Yeom

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DRAGON’S TAIL BEACH MARK FARMER

Sunlight streams Tuesday morning into the canyon at Dragon’s Tail Beach on Saipan. This beach is one of the hidden nooks and crannies of the island and fascinates many island residents with its unspoiled beauty.

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'CNMI's fight vs drugs is making headway'

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The CNMI's battle against the spread of crystal methamphetamine, or "ice," in the community appears to be making some headway, with the street value of the drug skyrocketing to about $500 a gram these days, which Division of Customs acting director James Deleon Guerrero attributes to a shortage in the drug's supply.

Speaking at a news briefing last week, Deleon Guerrero said the fact that a gram of the drug now costs $500 could only mean one thing—there is not enough amount of the drug to go around.

"Currently, the street value for crystal methamphetamine runs at around $500 per gram. What that tells us is that there is a short supply on the amount of crystal meth out on the street, which is a good thing actually. Usually the higher the price, that means the less available the merchandise is," he said.

Deleon Guerrero credits the shortage of supply to the vigilance of Customs officers who work tirelessly to ensure that "ice" and other illegal substances are stopped at the border.

The acting director explained that stopping drugs at the borders serves two purposes—it ensures that there are fewer drugs circulating in the community, and this helps other law enforcement partners in the fight against drugs.

"We also have to be mindful that stopping contraband at the border really does go a long way in terms of helping our other law enforcement partners so that they don't have to commit as much resources toward their particular drug enforcement efforts. That's why the border is very critical," he said.

Deleon Guerrero noted that Customs is currently committing most of its resources to monitoring all CNMI ports of entry, which has proven successful as seen in the back-to-back interception of "ice" these past two months.

"Customs, of course, has been committing as much resources as we possibly can at the ports of entry. We're increasing our activities in terms of inspections, like making sure that there's more inspections being done as cargo and merchandise go through our various ports of entry daily," he said.

Deleon Guerrero thanks the support of the community and the administration, thus allowing the CNMI Customs Division to successfully stop the entry of drugs at the source.

"I think one of the biggest things that we have going for us here in the CNMI is we have the support, and we have better equipment compared to, say, 10 years ago, 15 years ago. We have better x-rays; we have a lot more canine handlers and dogs at our ports," he said.

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Hotel occupancy at 24% in April 2022

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported 24% average occupancy rate among its 12 member-hotels for April 2022, compared to 8% average occupancy in April 2021.

A total of 10,406 of 43,810 available room nights sold during April 2022, compared to 2,811 of 34,160 available rooms sold in April 2021. Average room rates were $139.83 compared to $147.25 last April.

"April marked another month of substantial increase in average occupancy rates," said HANMI chair Ivan Quichocho. "Not only did the occupancy percentage triple compared to last April, but more importantly, we also had 28% more hotel rooms open than a year ago. This is a clear indicator of hotel operations returning to normal. HANMI is also in full support of Japan market reopening in coming months. Incremental steps like these continue to rebuild our tourism economy."

Hotels included in HANMI's monthly statistical report are Aqua Resort Club, Aquarius Beach Tower, Century Hotel, GrandVrio Resort Saipan, Fiesta Resort and Spa, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Kanoa

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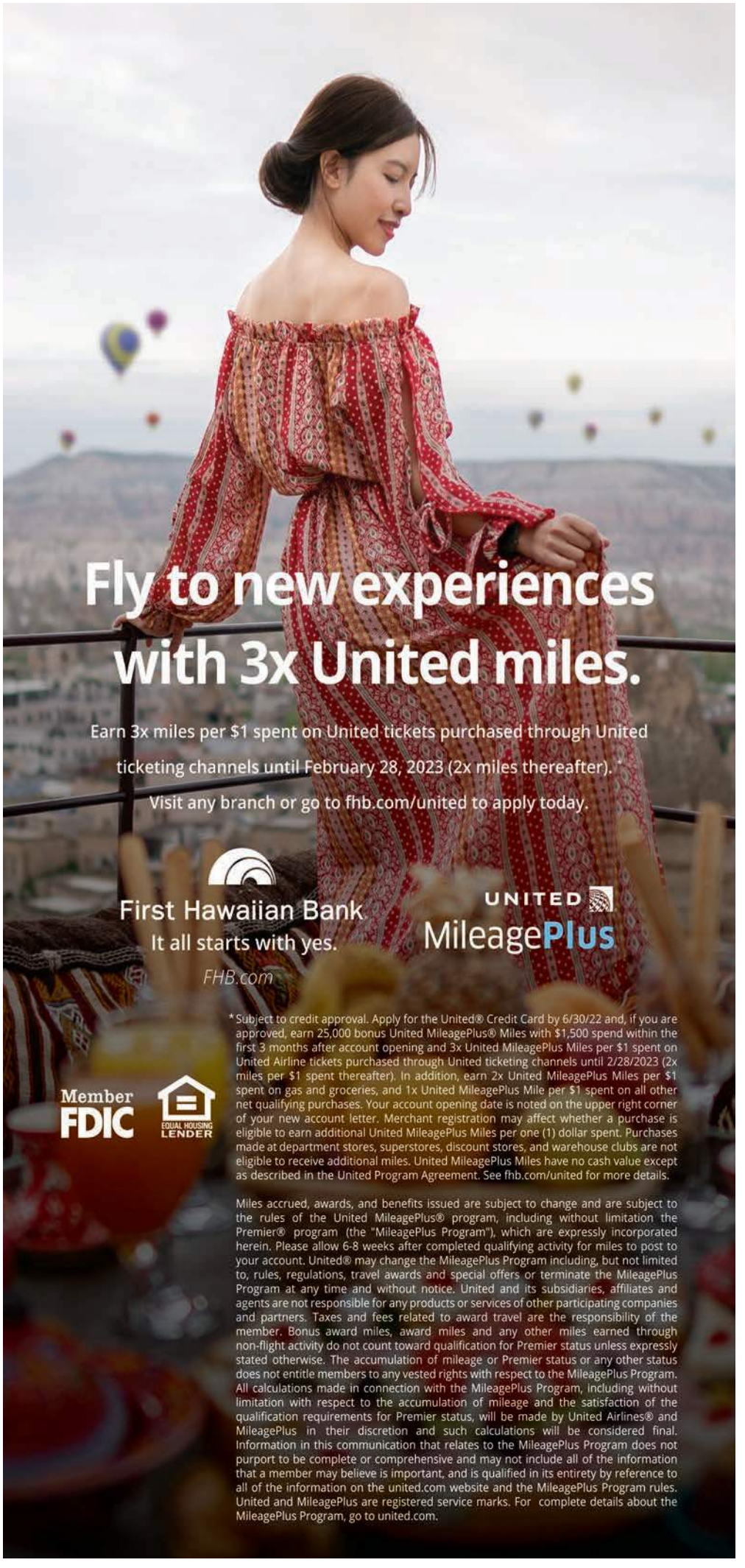
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Sex abuse defendant released to third-party custodian

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho has granted the request of man accused of sexually abusing a minor to be released a third-party custodian after posting a $100,000 unsecured bond or appearance bond before the court.

During a bail modification yesterday, Camacho allowed Christian Harrys Santos Manuel, or "Christy," 36, to be released to the manager of the salon where he works.

Part of the court's conditions is that Manuel will be placed under house arrest. He will still be able to continue working because he lives and works in his workplace.

Moreover, Manuel is not allowed to have contact with the victim and the victim's guardian. Additionally, he is not allowed to have contact with any minors.

Manuel is represented by public defender Douglas Hartig; Chief Prosecutor Chester Hinds represents the government.

Manuel was arrested last week on charges of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree and disturbing the peace. The initial complaint to the Department of Public Safety was made by the Division of Youth Services last April 25, after the child's legal guardian reported the allegation.

In an interview with the victim at DYS last May 2, it was learned that the child's mother used to bring the child to Manuel at a salon where he works to watch the minor while she goes to work and that's how Manuel met the child. The child then told police what Manuel would make him do.

It was learned from the victim that "Christy" told him not to tell anyone about what was happening on a promise that he would buy him a Nintendo game console.

Furthermore, according to the victim's guardian, pornography was discovered on his tablet and was told that "Christy" downloaded it and made him watch it while he was with him at the salon.

Manuel's preliminary hearing is set for May 13, at 10am.

Tina and Leila invite small biz owners to chat over coffee

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Rep. Christina "Tina" Sablan (D-Saipan) and her running mate, Rep. Leila Fleming Staffler (D-Saipan), are inviting small business owners and entrepreneurs to share their experiences and join them for a cup of coffee today, May 11, and on May 12, and 17.

"Small businesses are the backbone of a healthy economy, and making sure small businesses have the support they need to thrive is an important part of our vision for the Marianas," said Sablan. "This National Small Business Month, Leila and I invite small business owners to join us for a cup of coffee and conversation. We would love to hear your story as an entrepreneur or small business owner in the CNMI, and share ideas for how we can make the Marianas a better place for small businesses to grow and prosper."

Coffee with the Candidates will take place on May 11, 12, and 17 at 7:30am at various coffeeshops throughout Saipan. Interested individuals are invited to sign up at bit.ly/tinaleilacoffee.

There are seven spots available per date. Spots for today, May 11, 2022, have been filled, but there are still open spots for May 12 and 17. Location information for each day will be communicated directly to registrants along with an email confirmation.

Sablan and Staffler are the Democratic candidates for the 2022 CNMI gubernatorial election. ***(PR)***

HOCOG

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Hocog later, he confirmed that he is currently serving as acting presiding hearing officer while Senate President Jude Hofschneider (R-Rota) is off-island.

Hocog said Hofschneider will be back on Thursday, in time to preside over the start of the impeachment proceedings.

According to the memorandum calling for the attendance of the entire Senate body, the proceedings will start at 10am at the Senate chamber of the Legislature, officially called the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial building, on Capital Hill.

"The hearing shall continue day to day until its conclusion, not to include weekends and holidays unless otherwise advised. Upon commencement of the hearing, all legislative and other business of the Senate shall be suspended until the conclusion of the hearing," Hocog stated in his memo.

Written and oral testimonies regarding the impeachment proceedings are welcome.

Written testimonies must be submitted to the Office of the Senate clerk or emailed to Dolores Bermudes at doloresbermudes.lb@gmail.com before the hearing.

Oral testimonies may be presented during the hearing as long as it does not exceed five minutes.

In a previous article on the *Saipan Tribune*, Torres said he is unsure whether he will be appearing at the impeachment proceedings on Friday. Torres said he will gladly be there if his legal counsel advises him to do so.

"I'll leave it to my legal counsel. If my legal counsel suggests that I should be present then I will be," he said.

IPI

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"Unfortunately [IPI's] breaking all kinds of laws, whether it be labor laws, immigration laws, even taxes, they're delinquent. These are very critical issues that they are provoking on our island. It's intolerable. That why we've reached this point," he said.

Yeom said he understands that IPI has also suffered from the pandemic, but it's no excuse to break laws.

"I'm hoping for them to come into compliance, even right now. If they could just come into compliance and pay all their vendors, pay their taxes and fees, and just abide by the law—that's all we're asking. I guess sometimes it's difficult to do. I understand, we're in a pandemic, it has made it very difficult for everyone. But that's not enough of an excuse to break laws and that's exactly what they're doing and we've had enough of it already," Yeom said.

When asked if CCC would be open to a payment plan on IPI's part so they could get back into compliance, Yeom could not give a definitive "yes" or "no" answer.

"I don't want to say yes or no. Aside from [fees], we're talking about a building that is half-finished. To me, that's the first and foremost. [IPI] started out a big project promising an over $2-billion investment. We're halfway there, perhaps. Now, we have this sort of an eyesore that's sitting in the heart of Garapan. That's what I'm most interested in finding out, how can we finish that project. Of course, the fees that are due are statutorily required. These are not just in the license agreement, but these are required by law. There's not much flexibility in terms of me giving any forgiveness or whatnot. To establish a payment plan. I really do not want to go there. The law is clear that you have to pay and, at the end of the day that's basically what I'm here to regulate and enforce," he said.

Yeom said, however, that CCC might be open to a possible settlement negotiation if IPI can provide tangible proof to warrant one.

"If they can come into compliance, that's exactly what we want them to do. It's not like we want to kick them out. We all want [the hotel casino] to be finished. For them to come away with some sort of a settlement negotiation, the hotel casino is going to be a big part of it. IPI can no longer come away with words. They have to show me something in definitive terms that are visible and viable. Something like a completion bond, things of that nature. It has to make sense, it has to be viable. No more words; it's time for action," he said.

IPI is set to appear before the CCC board on May 24, to discuss the five enforcement actions that Yeom had filed in support of revoking IPI's exclusive casino license.

HOTEL

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Resort Saipan, Kensington Hotel Saipan, LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, Saipan World Resort, Surfrider Resort Hotel, and Pacific Islands Club Saipan. The occupancy rates do not include venue rentals at Kanoa Resort Saipan for government COVID-19 quarantine accommodations.

HANMI was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of The Marianas. HANMI also makes regular charitable donations to support non-profit organizations and tourism-related government projects. ***(PR)***

MANGLONA'S

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for governor Rep. Christina Sablan (D-Saipan).

Manglona and Deleon Guerrero represented themselves in the court as, according to Manglona, "no lawyer has been available for a pro bono or cost-free appearance on our behalf. But, regardless, Guerrero and I shall continue to advocate on our own, as *pro se* litigants, in an effort to protect and promote the welfare of the CNMI community as a whole." Manglona said this last week prior to the hearing.

However, during the hearing itself, Bellas told Manglona that perhaps an attorney will be able to advise him on the "fact that it's more appropriate to pursue this separately, the motion for whatever causes of action you believe are appropriate under the facts and the circumstances that have happened in the CNMI Senate."

Furthermore, Bellas said he "can't subscribe to [Manglona's] theory that there's a conspiracy. …I have to take the pleadings that were made by the plaintiff on its face value. …There's also the delay issue. …It's important that the court make rulings that are relatively timely so that everyone can guide themselves and take whatever they deem is appropriate after that. The court is imminently ready to rule on the underlying case. And so therefore, that is another factor that I take into consideration and saying that the motion to intervene is definitely going to be denied."

Basically, Bellas and Torres' lawyers said that the lawsuit is about the subpoena that the House Judiciary and Governmental Operations issued to get Torres to testify but the motion from Manglona is not about the subpoena.

Additionally, last Thursday, the court denied Manglona and Deleon Guerrero's request to intervene in the lawsuit filed by Torres against the JGO because it did not meet the requirements of both permissive intervention and intervention of right.

Bellas said he will issue an order on the matter.

MARCOS

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official results with more than 96% of the votes tabulated overnight after Monday's election. His nearest challenger, Vice President Leni Robredo, a champion of human rights and reforms, had 14.5 million, and boxing great Manny Pacquiao appeared to have the third highest total with 3.5 million.

His running mate, Sara Duterte, the daughter of the outgoing leader and mayor of southern Davao city, had a formidable lead in the vice presidential race, which is separate from the presidential race.

The alliance of the scions of two authoritarian leaders combined the voting power of their families' political strongholds in the north and south but compounded worries of human rights activists.

Marcos Jr. and Sara Duterte avoided volatile issues during their campaign and steadfastly stuck instead to a battle cry of national unity, even though their fathers' presidencies opened some of the most turbulent divisions in the country's history.

Marcos Jr. has not claimed victory but thanked his supporters in a late-night "address to the nation" video, where he urged them to stay vigilant until the vote count is completed.

"If we'll be fortunate, I'll expect that your help will not wane, your trust will not wane because we have a lot of things to do in the times ahead," he said.

Robredo has not conceded defeat but acknowledged the massive Marcos Jr. lead in the unofficial count. She told her supporters the fight for reforms and democracy won't end with the elections.

"The voice of the people is getting clearer and clearer," she said. "In the name of the Philippines, which I know you also love so dearly, we should hear this voice because in the end, we only have this one nation to share."

She asked her supporters to continue to stand up: "Press for the truth. It took long for the structure of lies to be erected. We have the time and opportunity now to fight and dismantle this."

The election winner will take office on June 30 for a single, six-year term as leader of a Southeast Asian nation hit hard by two years of COVID-19 outbreaks and lockdowns and long-troubled by crushing poverty, gaping inequalities, Muslim and communist insurgencies and deep political divisions.

The next president will also likely face demands to prosecute outgoing President Rodrigo Duterte for thousands of killings during his anti-drug crackdown—deaths already under investigation by the International Criminal Court.

On Tuesday, Human Rights Watch called for the apparent election winner Marcos Jr. to improve the human rights situation in the Philippines. "He should declare an end to the 'war on drugs' that has resulted in the extrajudicial killing of thousands of Filipinos, and order the impartial investigation and appropriate prosecution of officials responsible for these unlawful killings," said Phil Robertson, the group's deputy director for Asia.

Marcos Jr., a 64-year-old former provincial governor, congressman and senator, held a wide lead in pre-election surveys. But Robredo had tapped into shock and outrage over the prospect of a Marcos recapturing the seat of power and harnessed a network of campaign volunteers to underpin her candidacy.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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Man allegedly hit girlfriend with blunt side of machete

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A man is now facing multiple charges after he allegedly hit his girlfriend's back with the blunt side of a machete.

Jesse Billy Mailuw Jr., 46, was arrested last Friday after the alleged assault that reportedly came about after he accusing her of cheating on him.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo later set Mailuw's bail at $10,000. Mailuw is charged with disturbing the peace, assault, assault and battery, and assault with a dangerous weapon,

Court records state that the victim and Mailuw were outside their house at night and talking about their relationship, while Muiluw was cleaning the area outside their home with a machete.

Mailuw then allegedly accused the victim of cheating and "told her that he did not like the way she acts, and if she continues to talk, he is going to beat her up." The victim walked away and that's when Mailuw allegedly struck her in the back with the blunt side of the machete.

The victim said she pretended to go back inside the house, but she sneaked out and contacted the police for assistance.

Court records state that the victim appeared frightened while talking to the officers and showing them the bruises on her body. The officers noted that there were multiple bruises on her left thigh down toward her shin. The ruises were observed to be dark color purple. Medics came over to give the victim some medical attention but she refused to be transported to the hospital for further examination and medical care.

The victim told police that this was not the first time Mailuw assaulted her. She said that Mailuw hit her on the thighs with a broom stick several times last April 29. The victim said that he hit her because she had left the house to buy betel nut but he got mad at her for leaving the house.

The victim said that she was in so much pain that she started to cry and observed the next day that "her left leg [was] swollen and [she] could barely walk." She said she had not reported it to police because she was afraid that if Mailuw goes to jail and is released, "he will hurt her even more."

Mailuw's preliminary hearing is set for May 13 at 10am.

COVID update: 0 hospitalizations; 24 new cases

Since May 2 until last Monday, no one in the CNMI has been hospitalized due to COVID-19—a trend that has been maintained in the CNMI since April 4, 2022.

The latest news release from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. indicate that, as of May 9, 2022, there was no individuals hospitalized due to COVID-19. The last time the CNMI recorded a hospitalization from COVID-19 was March 30, 2022.

Also, 24 more individuals have been confirmed positive for COVID-19, bringing the CNMI total to 11,305 cases since March 28, 2020.

Of the 24 cases, 11 were identified on May 2, four on May 3, two on May 5, three on May 6, three on May 7, and one on May 8.

Of the total number of cases that have been identified in the CNMI, there have already been 11,262 recoveries and 34 COVID-19-related deaths. A total of 10,383 were identified via community testing and 922 via travel testing.

The next CHCC report will be on May 16, 2022.

As of May 9, 2022, a total of 23,138 COVID-19 additional/booster vaccine shots have been administered; of the eligible population, 62% have received an additional dose. The vaccination rate is calculated using the 2020 Census population estimates for the CNMI and includes the eligible 5-years-old and older population.

A total of 1,496 COVID-19 tests were conducted May 2 – 8, 2022:

- 461 on May 2, 2022
- 191 on May 3, 2022
- 29 on May 4, 2022
- 412 on May 5, 2022
- 356 on May 6, 2022
- 29 on May 7, 2022
- 18 May 8, 2022

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should stay home and isolate when they are sick (except to get medical care), even if they do not have symptoms; rest; stay hydrated; can take over-the-counter medicines, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen, to relieve symptoms; and live COVID-19 safe. ***(Saipan Tribune/PR)***

Lizama spearheads project to repaint Laulau Bay sidewalk

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In an effort to further beautify Precinct 5 and to keep people safe, Rep. Richard Lizama (D-Saipan) has initiated a project to repaint the Laulau Bay sidewalk with paint that changes color to indicate when the pavement is slippery.

In an interview with Lizama last week, he said he hope to start repainting the Laulau Bay sidewalk this week.

"The paints are in so we will proceed with the project his week and hopefully complete the project in two weeks," he said.

Lizama explained that he has received complaints from his constituents about how slippery the walkway is, especially when it rains and, because it's a popular exercise route for Precinct 5 community members, Lizama said he wanted to do something about it. In addition to safety, Lizama said repainting the sidewalk would contribute to the beautification efforts not just in Precinct 5, but the entire CNMI as a destination.

"There were times when people were complaining because of the fact that the pathway is slippery. So I thought, 'Let's paint it with paint that [changes color] when it rains, letting people know that it could be dangerous. It's going to be painted a pattern that will tell everyone, when the color of the paint changes, that means the sidewalk could be hazardous for the runner. So, by repainting the sidewalk, it is, one, beautification, and two, it indicates whether the pathway is hazardous or not. That's basically why I decided to paint it, so people will not be afraid to run or walk, and for beautification," he said.

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that there will be Board Committee Meetings on Monday, May 16, 2022, beginning 9:30 a.m. in the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Classroom at the Airport Fire Station, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport on Saipan.

AGENDA

AIRPORT FACILITIES COMMITTEE

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II. Public Comments
III. Old Business:
  1. Solar Request for Proposal (RFP) Status Report
IV. New Business:
  1. Public Private Partnership
  2. Updated Airport Facilities Committee Report
V. Executive Session (if needed)
VI. Miscellaneous/Announcements
VII. Adjournment

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (March 29, 2022)
II. Public Comments
III. Old Business: None.
IV. New Business:
  1. Position Description: Internal Auditor
  2. Employment Contract: Port of Saipan Manager
  3. Updated Personnel Affairs Committee Report
V. Executive Session (if needed)
VI. Miscellaneous/Announcements
VII. Adjournment

SEAPORT FACILITIES COMMITTEE

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  1. Tinian Marine Stevedore, Inc.
  2. Mobil Oil Marianas Lease (Saipan Seaport)
  3. Echo Dock
IV. New Business:
  1. Updated Seaport Facilities Committee Report
V. Executive Session (if needed)
VI. Miscellaneous/Announcements
VII. Adjournment

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (March 29, 2022)
II. Public Comments
III. Old Business: None.
IV. New Business:
  1. Accounting/Procurement Improvement Procedures through Fiscal Year 2025
    a. Executive Director Report
  2. Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Audit Monitoring and Corrective Action
  3. Supplemental Budget Request:
    a. Tinian Seaport Shutters
    b. Industrial Drive
    c. Internal Auditor Position
  4. Updated Financial Affairs Committee Report
V. Executive Session
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Oral and written testimony on the above agenda items are welcome. Written testimony on the above agenda items may be sent via email to cpa.admin@pticom.com.

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CUC-RAESP-22-024
INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed Architectural & Engineering Services Proposal from qualified firms to update the 2016 CUC Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), which identified a long-range plan for the most cost-effective mix of energy resources, both supply-side and demand-side management (DSM) and included a review of commercially available base load and renewable energy alternatives. The updated Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) will include optimizing this power supply portfolio to minimize costs while maximizing sustainability and resiliency while including the lasted in renewable, DSM, and operating technologies.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for the project award from Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) and HUD.

The RAESP package may be obtained via email between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $300.00 for one RFP package set. **To register for the RAESP, please contact Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Technician Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.**

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Proposal; and One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal must be submitted in a separately sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RAESP-22-024, Integrated Resource Plan"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 24, 2022.** Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

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Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 10, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC's Procurement Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Anne Crocket, CUC Power Division Chief Engineer via email address anne.crocket@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

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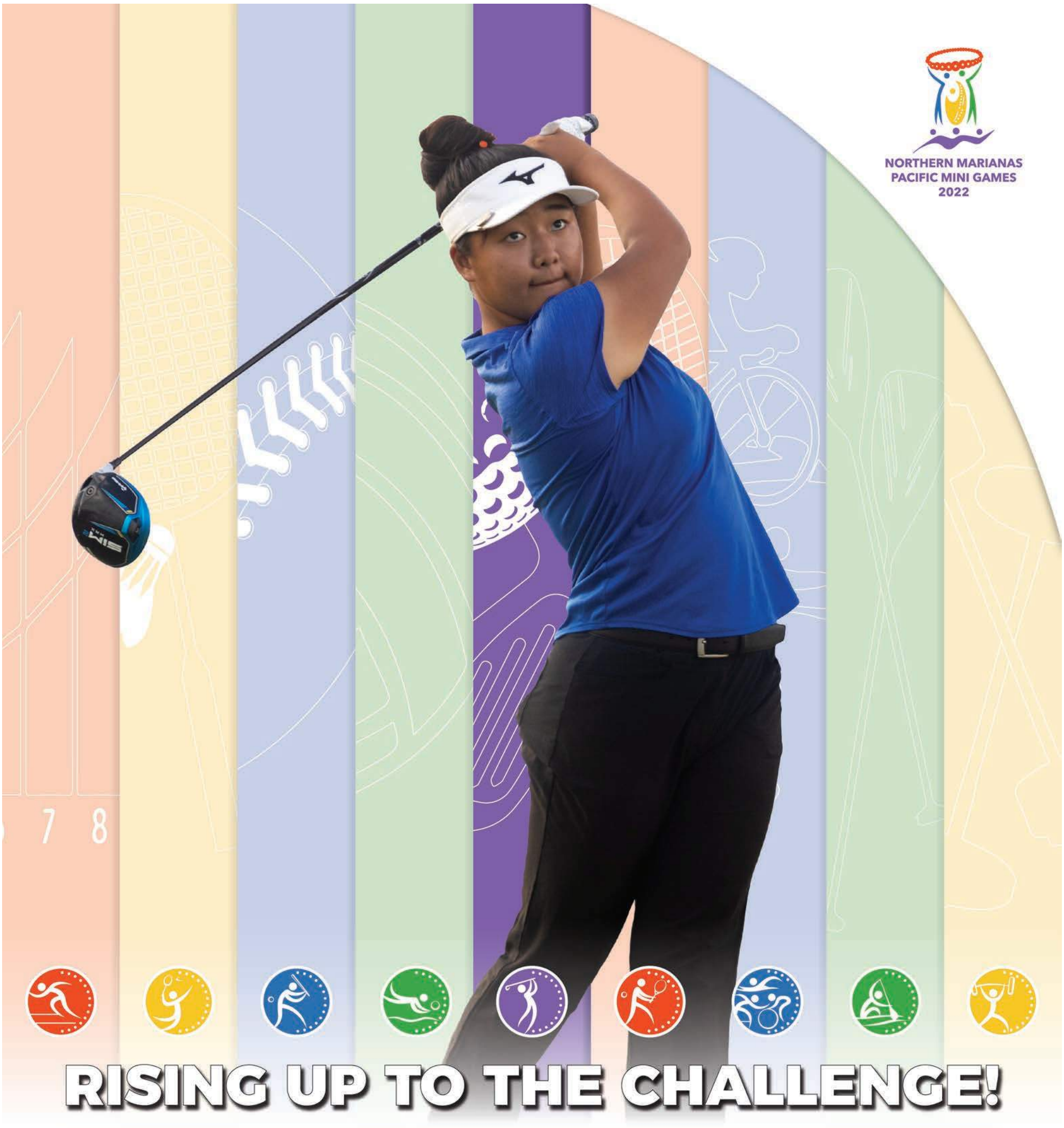
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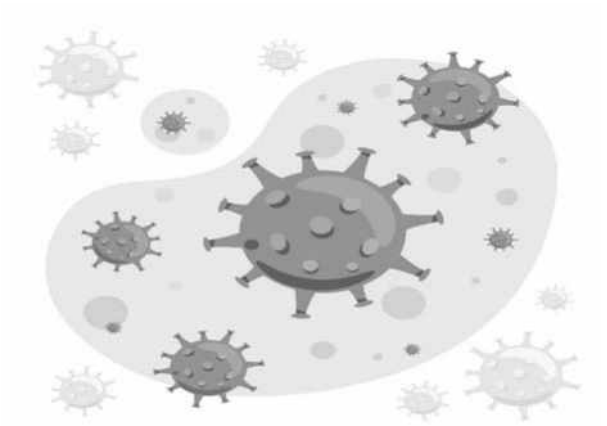
1 million dead: COVID's toll, once unthinkable, is now part of the American fabric



To say it is not to fully absorb it: Our nation of 330 million souls has lost 1 million lives in just over two years to a virus that landed here in January 2020. Nor is the deeply humbling total, which has touched almost every American family, the end. We mark the milestone when there's a merciful lull in casualties from COVID-19—only about 400 Americans are now dying daily, thanks to vaccinations, natural immunity and a prevalent mutation that's less deadly—but no guarantees about the future.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote, "Few are guilty, but all are responsible." So too here. The virions themselves, enemies of humankind since the dawn of time, are the villains. But there are humans whose negligence or incompetence or overt politicization made the deadly killer's job easier.

Early obfuscation by Beijing enabled the virus to sucker-punch nations worldwide. Local and state leaders in New York, though generally doing their best, were discombobulated and likely too slow when it mattered most. Much worse, at a time when Americans were the most vulnerable, Donald Trump promoted nonsense remedies and turned public health into just another front in a culture war. A lead member of his own COVID Task Force, Dr. Deborah Birx, said without Trump's obsessive focus on winning the November election, another 130,000 lives could have been saved.

Trump deserves credit for leading a federal effort that produced safe, life-saving vaccines in record time; the shots have spared hundreds of thousands if not millions of Americans—but the contempt for authority and science he earlier fomented came back to kneecap inoculation efforts, which still have only reached two-thirds of Americans (never mind boosters).

Here in the nation's largest city, where 40,220 people have died of COVID-19, memories remain fresh of the nightmare days of April 2020, when ICUs overflowed and more than 700 New Yorkers daily were laid to rest.

Remember every name. Honor every helper. Learn every lesson.

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Premature self-congratulation won't help the US in Ukraine

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To hear the Biden administration talk, the war in Ukraine is nearly won—and the United States wants some of the credit for winning it.

"Russia is failing. Ukraine is succeeding," Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken said last month.

Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III went a step further. The United States isn't merely helping Ukraine win, he said; it's using the war to undermine Russia's status as a world power.

"We want to see Russia weakened to the degree that it can't do the kind of things that it has done in invading Ukraine," Austin said.

Last week, U.S. officials disclosed that American intelligence helped Ukrainian forces kill as many as 12 Russian generals and sink the flagship of Russia's Black Sea fleet—humiliating setbacks for Moscow's once-proud armed forces.

It's good news, of course, that Ukraine is holding its own against Russia's invasion. And yes, the United States and its allies deserve credit for helping the Kyiv government survive.

But several things are wrong with this picture.

For one thing, Ukraine hasn't quite won yet. The chest-thumping is premature.

Russian forces are close to taking full control of the port city of Mariupol; that will give it a prize it has long sought: a "land bridge" between the Crimean peninsula and Russia. The Russians could also expand the territory they hold in eastern Ukraine, where fierce fighting is underway. If that happens, Kyiv's "victory" could soon look less impressive.

For another, it's unusual for U.S. officials to claim credit, even anonymously, for successful intelligence sharing. The problem isn't that they're revealing state secrets; Russia already knew the U.S. was helping the Ukrainians with targeting.

The problem is that President Vladimir Putin has tried to rally support—among both his own people and those of other countries—by portraying Russia as the victim of a U.S. plot. We just helped him make his case.

"The war in Ukraine does not have anything to do with Ukraine," a commentary shown on Russian state television claimed last week. "The war in Ukraine was designed to cause regime change in Moscow."

The commentator was Tucker Carlson of Fox News.

More important, the United States has quietly escalated its goals in the war but without much clarity about exactly what they are.

That's a phenomenon known as "mission creep," and it's a recipe for trouble. Just ask former President George W. Bush, who led the United States into overambitious wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"You don't want to create pressure on yourself to do more than is wise to do," Richard Haass of the Council on Foreign Relations, a top State Department official in the Bush administration, told me.

One reason the U.S.-led alliance in support of Ukraine has held together so impressively is that its initial goal was clear and broadly shared: helping the Kyiv government defend itself.

Now the goals are getting blurry, and that's beginning to create division among U.S. allies.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu complained recently that some members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization "want the war to continue. … They want Russia to become weaker," an apparent reference to Austin's announced aims.

Meanwhile, Britain's combative foreign secretary, Liz Truss, said her country is committed "to push Russia out of the whole of Ukraine," a more ambitious goal than even the Biden administration has embraced.

"I don't think we have shared definitions of success," Haass said. "That's a problem."

Expanding the goals of the war could stiffen Putin's determination to keep fighting or push him toward escalating, perhaps by resorting to chemical or nuclear weapons.

"Austin's statement reinforces Putin's belief that this is an existential threat," Haass warned. "You don't want to push him into a corner any smaller than the one he's already painted himself into."

Some day, Russia and Ukraine will decide to stop fighting. At that point, there will need to be cease-fire talks and, perhaps, negotiations toward a peace settlement. U.S. diplomats may even want to dust off the concept of "offramps" —offers to make it easier for Russia to compromise.

And once the war is over, the United States and Russia will still need to deal with each other on a broad range of issues.

Escalating goals and premature claims of victory won't help us get there any faster.

In 1901, President Theodore Roosevelt described his foreign policy as "Speak softly and carry a big stick."

Last month, President Joe Biden said he wanted to use the same approach in Ukraine. "We will speak softly and carry a large Javelin," he said.

This would be a good time for him to take his own advice.

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A canceled flight was a nightmare for my family and many others. We deserve better

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Our flight home to Chicago from Sarasota, Florida, was one of thousands that were canceled during the first weekend of April. Sarasota's airport is small. It grew hotter, louder and more crowded as we worried and waited.

Saturday morning, we learned that an engine repair had slightly delayed our flight. A 90-minute weather delay followed. Next, a five-hour delay was added, no reason given. Then our flight was canceled.

Stranded in the hot chaos, we tried to use the rebooking links that United Airlines provided. We had no success. Not a single representative, from any airline, was on the concourse.

We went back to the main desk where one United Airlines representative was stationed. The line was packed with travelers as stressed as my husband, our two teens and me.

Worrisome news filtered through the line: no flights until Tuesday. We couldn't even get a late checkout from our condo that morning. We knew we'd never find accommodations until Tuesday.

I secured a rental car reservation on my phone. We moved to the car rental line where we waited three hours. I prayed there would still be a car by the time we reached the front of the line. I was concerned about making the 20-hour drive home after a full day of anxiety and confusion.

I worried, too, for the people around me—senior citizens, people with disabilities, families with young children. All were struggling to problem-solve with no access to help, staff, information or resources. It all seemed so unhealthy, out of control and unsafe.

Other travelers gave me hope. Kindness was everywhere. Travelers supported each other. They were patient. They helped. They offered whatever information they had. They held each other's place in line. They were understanding when children melted down, cried, threw up, ran around or screamed. For all the stories I've read of passengers behaving badly on flights, this is not what I experienced in the Sarasota airport.

When I finally got to the front of the car rental line, I felt like a winning game show contestant: an SUV was available for us! The friends we made in line congratulated us. It felt wonderful to be on the road but also confusing to have waited so long in the airport just to be starting our long journey.

The conclusion I reached, during the long ride home, is that the airlines don't deserve us. Airlines knew that this would be a busy spring break season, so they jacked up their prices and kept selling tickets. The industry has enjoyed record ticket sales. They knew they were short-staffed and they kept selling tickets. They are fully aware, too, that Easter will be a busy travel season, and they undoubtedly will sell as many tickets as they can with no regard for their passengers' well-being.

Now I'm embroiled in the project of trying to get a ticket refund. The process is taking me hours. It seems deliberately confusing. I feel like I'm back in another long line.

We put up with so much to travel by plane. We pay handsomely for tickets, always trying to decide if it's worth it to pay extra to ensure that they are refundable. We arrive at the airport two hours early. We carefully pack our bags according to federal security standards. We surrender control and roll with the delays and cancellations that come our way. We rent cars when we arrive at our destinations. At what point do all of these expenses and preparations outweigh the convenience of air travel?

I am starting to realize that we have a better option—one that gives us more control. Even a long drive is a cheaper, more freeing option. Driving through Atlanta in the middle of the night was beautiful. Seeing the sun come up in Nashville, Tennessee, was glorious. The open road is calling—since the skies just aren't that friendly anymore.

God is not on Russia's side in invasion

By AMITABH PAL
Progressive Perspectives

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The Russian Orthodox Church and its head, Patriarch Kirill, have appallingly defended President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine and are urging Russians to support the war as well.

Kirill has actively promoted Russian warmongering, bizarrely describing the nation's mandatory military service as "an active manifestation of evangelical love for neighbors." He also seems to have fully bought into the Russian government's propaganda about a genocidal Ukrainian campaign to wipe out separatists in the country's Donbass region.

Indeed, Kirill is completely in agreement with Putin's stated rationale for the invasion—that Ukraine is a part of greater Russia. He has asserted that Russians and Ukrainians "come from one Kievan baptismal font … and share common historical fate." Unsurprisingly, he has blessed the war in the most purple prose, proclaiming, "We have entered into a struggle that has not a physical, but a metaphysical significance," a war that involves "eternal salvation."

Kirill has also helped spread conspiracy theories, declaring that pro-Russian factions in Donbass, Ukraine, are being persecuted due to a "fundamental rejection of the so-called values that are offered today by those who claim world power." He claims this world power is posing a "test for the loyalty" of other countries by demanding that they hold gay pride parades.

Putin, for his part, has also turned to religion to fire up the Russian people. He excitedly informed a crowd gathered for a pro-war rally in a Moscow stadium that the Ukraine invasion was launched on the birth anniversary of the Russian saint Theodore Ushakov. He also quoted the Bible, saying, "There is no greater love than if someone gives his soul for his friends."

The alliance between Putin and the Russian Orthodox Church stretches back many years. In 2009, Kirill blessed Russia's nuclear arsenal, handing out religious images to the crew of a nuclear submarine and the commander of Russia's strategic missile forces. These weapons, he said, could only be given to people "with a clear mind, an ardent love of the Motherland, responsible for their work before God and the people."

Kirill then completely supported Putin during protests in 2011-12 against electoral fraud. He even called Putin's reign a "miracle of God" for the benefits it provided. The 2012 sentencing of a feminist punk group, Pussy Riot, for holding a protest inside a Moscow cathedral to express opposition to both Kirill and Putin cemented the union even further. Not long after, Putin passed a law, fervently backed by the church, outlawing distribution of LGBTQ materials to minors.

Following his invasion of Crimea, Putin built a gargantuan monument called the Victory Church in Moscow's Patriot Square, at a cost of $50 million. There are weapons displayed at the entrance and paintings inside touting the achievements of Russian militarism. Around the same time, Putin installed a statue of Vladimir the Great—the person who is said to have made Russia Christian—near the Kremlin.

The tight bond between Putin's government and the Russian Orthodox Church has manifested itself all the way from the Kremlin to Ukraine, with horrible results. It is a connection that should be repudiated by people of faith—and those without it—all over the world.

End police violence against Black Americans

By AMANDA CALHOUN
PROGRESSIVE PERSPECTIVES

On April 4, an unarmed Black man named Patrick Lyoya was killed by police in Grand Rapids, Michigan, after being pulled over for having mismatched license plates; a white officer shot him in the back of his head. On April 17, Syracuse police aggressively detained a Black boy, just 8 years old, after he allegedly stole a bag of chips. The next day, police in upstate New York tackled a young Black boy with autism (ironically during Autism Acceptance Month) for no clear reason as he stood in line at Target.

As I scroll through social media, I keep wondering: Where are all of the staunch opposers of violence? Where are the people who claimed to be allies, who swore their allegiance to support Black Americans after the police murder of George Floyd? We still need that level of outrage directed toward the disproportionate violence Black people experience in the United States on a regular basis.

It is now well-documented that Black people are punished more harshly than white people under the law, and that they undergo disproportionate violence at the hands of the police. Black individuals with disabilities, like the 14-year-old thrown to the ground in Target, are more likely to be harmed by the police than their white counterparts.

The media certainly plays a role in this racism. White mass shooters, it's been found, are more likely to have sympathetic descriptors than Black ones. Black boys as young as preschoolers are more likely to be watched by their teachers for bad behavior than white boys. Black children are more likely to be suspended in schools for the same behaviors as white children and six times more likely to be shot by the police.

None of this is surprising if you know the history of policing in the United States. Police forces in this country were originally created as slave patrols—a joint force between slaveowners and white supremacy groups. Their purpose was to nab runaway slaves. Police have remained a symbol of violence and death to Black Americans, from slavery to Jim Crow to present day.

A recent survey showed that individuals' views of the police differ significantly based on race. White Americans were more likely to trust the police than Black Americans. Is it any wonder?

Some might argue that, since Lyoya was struggling with a police officer, the use of force was warranted. Even still, did the police officer have to shoot him in the head? Were there no other options to de-escalate the situation?

And it's unclear whether Lyoya was struggling in the first place because he was attempting to harm the police officer or because he feared for his life. Given the rampant police brutality directed toward Black Americans, it is plausible that Lyoya might have felt the need to physically defend himself.

And what about Black children who are aggressively detained by police? There is no justification for throwing a child with autism to the ground or holding an 8-year-old to the point of tears for allegedly stealing chips. These scenarios are what racism and white supremacy look like.

Black Americans need continued anti-violence support from the wider community. We still need your op-eds, your protests and your public outrage in the face of excessive, unwarranted violence. We need the collective public to demand accountability when it comes to police brutality.

We need you to keep the same energy you had when you first declared yourself an ally, and we need it now. Black Americans are still fighting. Stand with us.

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The Weather

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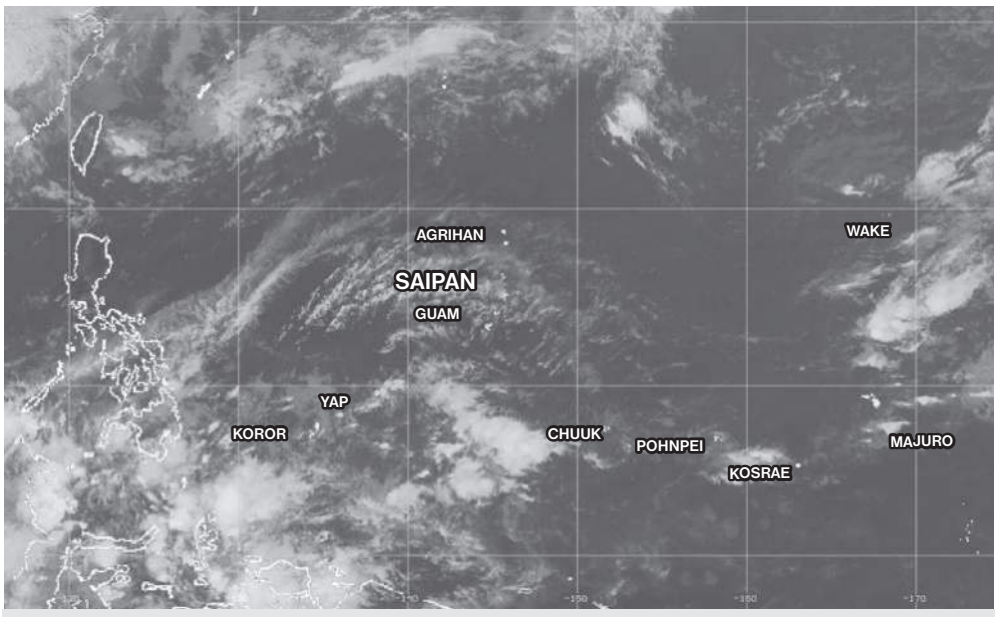

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam Doppler weather radar shows only a few showers moving through the Marianas Waters this morning. An upper-level trough far to the east is sparking scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in the northeastern Marshall Islands, which are moving westward. The buoys reveal combined seas of 5 to 7 feet, composed mainly of trade-wind

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

Source: Office of the Governor

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MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	30 / 26 °F
Palau	Thunderstorms	27 / 24 °F
Yap	Thunderstorms	29 / 26 °F
Chuuk	Scattered Thunderstorms	30 / 26 °F
Pohnpei	Scattered Thunderstorms	30 / 26 °F
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	30 / 27 °F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	29 / 26 °F

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	05:49 AM	18:37 PM
Thursday	05:49 AM	18:37 PM
Friday	05:49 AM	18:37 PM
Saturday	05:48 AM	18:38 PM
Sunday	05:48 AM	18:38 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	01:27 PM	14:04 PM
Thursday	-	02:45 PM	14:56 PM
Friday	-	03:24 PM	15:49 PM
Saturday	-	04:03 PM	16:45 PM
Sunday	-	04:46 PM	17:44 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Sunny	17 / 7 °F
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	23 / 11 °F
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	26 / 24 °F
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	28 / 22 °F
London	Cloudy	18 / 10 °F
Los Angeles	Sunny	22 / 11 °F
Manila	Partly Cloudy	36 / 27 °F
Melbourne	Cloudy	20 / 12 °F
Miami	Partly Cloudy	27 / 20 °F
New York	Mostly Sunny	23 / 13 °F
Osaka	AM Light Rain	24 / 17 °F
Paris	Mostly Sunny	26 / 13 °F
Busan	AM Showers	21 / 17 °F
Rome	Mostly Sunny	26 / 13 °F
Salem	Sunny	29 / 16 °F
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny/Wind	16 / 9 °F
Seoul	AM Clouds/PM Sun	24 / 12 °F
Tokyo	Cloudy	22 / 16 °F
Washington, DC	Sunny	23 / 11 °F

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
04:22 AM	High Tide	1.89
10:32 AM	Low Tide	1.05
3:25 PM	High Tide	1.54
9:59 PM	Low Tide	0.49

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 1, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	6:35AM	7:15AM	1, 3, 6
UA117	9:50AM	10:35AM	2, 4, 5, 7

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	1, 3, 5, 6, 7
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	6:35AM	9:10PM	1, 3, 6 via Guam
UA117/193	6:35AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau
UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	2, 4, 5, 7 via Guam

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	4, 7
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6
RS112	3:45PM	7:30PM	3, 6
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

BX622	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA116	5:00AM	5:45AM	1, 3, 6
UA116	8:00AM	8:45AM	5, 7
UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	2, 4

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:35PM	4:35AM+1	2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA184	10:25PM	4:20AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:25PM	6:05AM+1	5 via Palau
UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/116	10:25PM	5:45AM+1	2, 5, 7 via Guam
UA184/116	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1, 3 via Guam
UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	4, 6 via Guam

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
RS111	8:45AM	2:05PM	3, 6
7C3406	8:50AM	2:30PM	3
TW9307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 7
OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

BX621	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily
3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri
3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1205	11:00	11:15	Daily
1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily
1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2105	11:30	11:45	Daily
2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily
2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable

TakeCare welcomes tie-up with Guam imaging experts

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From left, Auda Marquez, Guam Medical Imaging Center; Roy Adonay, Guam Radiology Consultants clinic administrator; George Chiu, president and CEO, TakeCare; Nathaniel Berg, MD, GRC medical director; Juan Carlos Quiros, MD, Pacific Cardiology Consultants; Yoichi Inaba, MD, Pacific Cardiology Consultants; Arvin Lojo, health care administrator, TakeCare; Jennifer Artero, Clinical Quality, Wellness Center & Contracting manager, TakeCare; and Elizabeth D. Santos, APRN, AGNP-C, Pacific Cardiology Consultants.

Eligible TakeCare Insurance members will now have access to covered and approved services under the TakeCare in-network/participating benefits at Guam Radiology Consultants, Guam Medical Imaging Center, and Pacific Cardiology Consultants.

Under this agreement, TakeCare's eligible members will now have access to the largest imaging center in the Western Pacific with services including cardiology, interventional radiology, pain management, advanced women's imaging, vascular care, nuclear medicine, and diagnostic radiology such as CT, MRI, US and DXA.

"We are pleased to join the TakeCare Provider Network," said Dr. Nathaniel Berg, medical director. "Guam Radiology Consultants, Guam Medical Imaging Center, and Pacific Cardiology Consultants are committed to a strong partnership with TakeCare that supports our mission to provide high quality care to everyone in our community, and we are now proud to extend our services to TakeCare members."

"We are always looking to expand our provider network in Guam and Saipan for our members," said Arvin Lojo, Health Plan administrator.

"These three agreements enable TakeCare to provide more quality choices for radiology, cardiology and imaging services to our members," said George Chiu, TakeCare president and chief executive officer. "Adding more options and solutions for our members is very important to us." ***(PR)***

Free webinars on federal contracting

The Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center is offering two free webinars a week this month. "If our usual Thursday webinar doesn't work for you, then join us on Tuesdays," the center said in a news release.

Webinars run from 10am to 11:30am and will be conducted via Zoom. Links to the live webinar and the webinar evaluation will be emailed to all registered attendees 15 minutes before the start of the webinar.

■ May 10 and May 12 – Federal Contract Opportunities - SAM.gov is the portal for Federal Contract Opportunities. The Guam PTAC will show you how to use the website to ensure you do not miss any opportunities. Opportunity types, search filters, and search strategies will be discussed.

■ May 17 and May 19 – Responding to RFPs - The Guam PTAC will walk participants through the common sections and clauses of an RFP as well as provide tips on developing a proposal in response to an RFP.

■ May 24 and May 26 – PIEE/WAWF - Department of Defense vendors use the Wide-Area Workflow module in the Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment system to create, submit, and track their invoices. We will show you how to set up an account and submit an invoice so you get paid on time.

■ May 31 and June 2, 2022 – Cybersecurity - Department of Defense vendors need to protect themselves from cyber attacks. We will discuss DOD's current requirements as well as the upcoming Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC 2.0).

To register, visit https://www.guamptac.com/news-and-events.php ***(PR)***

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS (2): Elementary School Teacher – Prepare, teach, and facilitate lessons and monitor and manage students in classroom in accordance to the set objectives of the school curriculum. Give assignments, grade, and provide feedback on student work. Complete general administrative work and participate in extracurricular activities. Education: Bachelor's in Primary or Secondary Education; Experience: 24 Months as an Elementary, Middle, or Secondary School Teacher. Send Resume to: Green Meadow School, Attn: Milagros Songcuan, P.O. Box 502862, MP 96950.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: May 4, 2022 Closing Date: May 18, 2022

POSITIONS: Auditor II and Auditor III

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COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP22-CHCC/CGC-014

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MAY 20TH, 2022 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) hereby gives notice that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Classroom at the Airport Fire Station at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan. The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes (March 29, 2022)

II. PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

III. CORRESPONDENCES

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. Financial Affairs Committee
2. Airport Facilities Committee
3. Seaport Facilities Committee
4. Personnel Affairs Committee

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

VI. OLD BUSINESS:
1. Echo Dock

VII. NEW BUSINESS:
1. Position description: Internal Auditor
2. Personnel Matter: Employment Contract- Port of Saipan Manager
3. Supplemental Budget Request:
   a. Tinian Seaport Shutters
   b. Industrial Drive
   c. Internal Auditor Position
4. Public Private Partnership

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- Legal Counsel Reports: Legal matters/Litigation

IX. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

X. ADJOURNMENT

Persons are welcome to submit oral or written testimony on the agenda items. Written testimony may be emailed to cpa.admin@pticom.com.

ROMAN T. TUDELA
Actin Chairwoman, Board of Directors

May 10, 2022

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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House committee OKs CNMI equality, gender identity bills

The CNMI House of Representatives Health and Welfare Committee has approved two House bills to advance gender quality and promote the health, safety, and well-being of LGBTQ+ people in the Marianas.

One of these bills is House Bill 22-87 or the the CNMI Equality Act (Åktun Achá-Parehu or Alléghúl Aweeweppagh), which provides that no person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws or the enjoyment of civil rights, nor be discriminated against on account of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. The bill expressly prohibits such discrimination in employment, and adds protections for sexual orientation and gender identity in the Commonwealth's existing nondiscrimination laws, covering areas that include the civil service, health insurance, housing, and jury service.

The committee also gave the green light to House Bill 22-86 to update the CNMI's vital statistics law, consistent with current medical standards of care and best practices by easing the process for transgender individuals to match the gender markers on their birth certificates with their gender identities. The bill includes privacy protections for individuals who seek to alter the gender markers on their birth certificates and removes the overly burdensome requirement of gender reassignment surgery and a court order.

Sablan

House Bill 22-86 was amended by the committee to incorporate clarifying provisions requested by the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., which otherwise supported the bill. The amendments include requirements for a signed attestation under penalty of law by the individual seeking to change the gender marker on their birth certificate, and for a signature by a parent, legal guardian, or legal representative if the requesting individual is a minor under the age of 18.

The committee held public meetings on both bills and received written and oral comments in support of both bills, as well as supportive petitions signed by approximately 500 people.

Committee chair Rep. Christina M. Sablan (D-Saipan), the author of both bills, noted that the CNMI currently ranks among the lowest in the nation in terms of policies that protect LGBTQ+ people from discrimination, harassment, and violence. House Bills 22-86 and 22-87 are products of meetings and discussions with LGBTQ+ advocates that began with last summer's first legislative Pride Talks policy roundtable, hosted by the Health and Welfare Committee. LGBT stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender. The plus sign (+) stands for all other gender identities.

"In the Marianas, as in many other Pacific island cultures, we have a strong tradition of respect and love for one another, and embracing gender diversity. We want our laws to reflect our values," Sablan said. "Promoting gender equality and the wellbeing of LGBTQ people in our community was one of the top priorities of the Health and Welfare Committee this term."

House Bills 22-86 and 22-87 will be presented to the House of Representatives at the next scheduled session on Rota on Wednesday, May 25.

The other members of the committee are vice chair Rep. Leila Staffler (D-Saipan), and Reps. B.J. Attao (Ind-Saipan), Sheila Therese Babauta (D-Saipan) and Donald Manglona (Ind-Saipan). ***(PR)***

Child care providers participate in procedures for pre-registration and PD tracker training

A total of 19 administrative personnel from the CNMI Child Care and Development Fund-certified childcare programs on Saipan participated last April 30 in two sessions of a training titled, "Updated Method and Procedure for Pre-registration and Professional Development Tracker." The training was conducted by Evergreen Learning's Program support specialist Ma. Ceilene B. Matavia at the Evergreen Learning Training Center in Chalan Kanoa. Each session lasted two and half hours and provided participants time to apply and practice the new pre-registration format and PD tracker pivot table.

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The main goals of the training were to establish a standardized operational procedure specific to the new training pre-registration process, to track the required training, workshop, and technical assistance hours of each provider for easy access and monitoring of data related to training hours, and to assist in the generation of reports for all center-based staff. After the workshop, participants were equipped to use these new tools and expected to apply the process to help their program achieve professional development hour goals.

CCDF-certified childcare centers can now access and use a Google Drive form to process their providers' training pre-registration. This form will allow for a faster and easier training pre-registration process. In addition, staff professional development hours can now be tracked using a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet pivot table format. It will be used for data purposes and to ensure that childcare providers meet their training hour requirements, as mandated by the Child Care and Development Block Grant Reauthorization Act of 2014.

Microsoft Excel is a spreadsheet program created by Microsoft that uses tables to record and analyze numerical and statistical data with formulas and functions. Pivot table is a tool that can automatically sort, count, and sum up data stored in tables and display the summarized data and obtain a desired report. To fully engage in the workshop, participants were given the chance to explore and practice the process, from inputting and extracting data from the worksheet, to creating the pivot table, and then tracking or calculating the total number of professional development hours of each provider. Participants expressed their appreciation and emphasized the importance of keeping track of their professional development hours independently. All were happy for the new skills acquired during the training, and they are excited to adapt and apply these new methods to their centers. ***(PR)***

Woman who allegedly stole cell phone released to 3rd party

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A woman who is being accused of stealing a cell phone from a friend's house was released to her mother, who has been appointed as her third-party custodian at a preliminary hearing last Friday.

Liva Fitial, 39, was arrested last month, April 28, for allegedly stealing a cell phone from a friend's house where she was living temporarily.

Chief Prosecutor Chester Hinds had argued that the responsibilities of being a third-party custodian might be too much for Fitial's mother as she is already the third-party custodian for her son, Joseph Seman, who was accused last month of domestic violence.

The public defender assigned to Fitial's case argued, however, that there is no law limiting the number of people assigned to a third-party custodian as long as the people they are watching over abide by the rules set by the court. In the case of her son, he has not broken his condition of house arrest.

Superior Court Judge Joseph Camacho then granted Fitial's release to her mother on the condition that she keeps away from the victim and the victim's mother-in-law.

In Fitial's case, it was learned that the mother in-law of the victim was the friend of Fitial who offered her a place to stay in Koblerville, because Fitial was allegedly having issues with her boyfriend.

The cell phone's owner said that her phone just suddenly went missing and was told by her boyfriend's sister that she saw Fitial take it and leave the house.

Fitial allegedly then tried to sell the phone for $40 to an electronic shop on Beach Road that buys used items. According to the phone owner, she had bought the phone for $900.

When the phone was tracked on the cell phone owner's laptop to the electronic shop, it was discovered that the shop owner didn't purchase the phone because it was locked and the two people, a male and a female, trying to sell it couldn't unlock it.

The cell phone owner allegedly recognized Fitial in a video footage from the shop shown to police officers investigating the case. Later, the phone was reportedly tracked to a gaming establishment where Fitial was arrested.

MAC PROJECT
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library partnered with the Marianas Avifauna Conservation project's education and community outreach program last April 30, 2022. MAC group representatives conducted an on-side library scavenger hunt, field work activity, and shared with library patrons regarding the uniqueness of the avifauna on their island and to share the work that is being done in the CNMI by the MAC project.

Quitugua earns M.Ed. from Concordia U

SEWARD, Nebraska—Maria Quitugua of Rota in the Northern Mariana Islands earned her M.Ed. from Concordia University in Nebraska during a commencement ceremony last May 7 that saw more than 400 graduates awarded their undergraduate and graduate degrees.

The Class of 2022 was also honored during undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies.

At the ceremony, Concordia president Dr. Bernard Bull encouraged graduates to embrace opportunities with a combination of boldness and humility while using their gifts, talents and abilities to serve God and others.

Dr. Kurt Senske, founder and principal of CEO-Board Services and 2022 recipient of a Concordia University, Nebraska doctor of laws degree, presented the commencement address.

Concordia University, founded in 1894, is a fully accredited, coeducational university located in Seward, Nebraska, which currently serves more than 2,500 students. For more information, visit cune.edu. ***(PR)***

Nation

Biden inks Ukraine bill, seeks $40B aid, in rejoinder to Putin

AP

President Joe Biden signs the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022 in the Oval Office of the White House, Monday, May 9, 2022, in Washington.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Washington sought to portray a united front against Russia's invasion of Ukraine Monday as President Joe Biden signed a bipartisan measure to reboot the World War II-era "lend-lease" program, which helped defeat Nazi Germany, to bolster Kyiv and Eastern European allies.

The signing comes as the U.S. Congress is poised to unleash billions more to fight the war against Russia—with Democrats preparing $40 billion in military and humanitarian aid, larger than the $33 billion package Biden has requested.

It all serves as a rejoinder to Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has seized on Victory in Europe Day—the anniversary of Germany's unconditional surrender in 1945 and Russia's biggest patriotic holiday—to rally his people behind the invasion.

"This aid has been critical to Ukraine's success on the battlefield," Biden said in a statement.

Biden said it was urgent that Congress approve the next Ukraine assistance package to avoid any interruption in military supplies being sent to help fight the war, with a crucial deadline coming in 10 days.

"We cannot allow our shipments of assistance to stop while we await further Congressional action," he said. He urged Congress to act—and "to do so quickly."

In a letter delivered to Capitol Hill on Monday, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Secretary of State Antony Blinken urged Congress to act before May 19, when the existing drawdown funds run out. The Pentagon has already sent or committed all but $100 million of the $3.5 billion in weapons and equipment that it can send to Ukraine from its existing stockpiles. And that final $100 million is expected to be used no later than May 19, they said.

"In short, we need your help," they said in the letter, which was obtained by The Associated Press. "The ability to draw upon existing DoD stocks has been a critical tool in our efforts to support the Ukrainians in their fight against Russian aggression, allowing us to quickly source equipment and ensure a sustained flow of security assistance to Ukraine."

The resolve from Biden and Congress to maintain support for Ukraine has been lasting, but also surprising. Still, as the months-long war with Russia grinds on, the bipartisan showing for Ukraine will be tested as the U.S. and allies are drawn closer toward the conflict.

ACROSS THE NATION

Crews in New Mexico, Arizona scramble to corral wildfires

LAS VEGAS, N.M. (AP)—Firefighters in northern New Mexico worked Monday in rugged terrain ahead of a massive wildfire, feverishly trying to position crews to clear brush and stop the monster blaze from burning more homes in the Rocky Mountain foothills. The wildfire has charred 308 square miles (798 square kilometers) of tinder-dry ponderosa forests, making it the largest blaze burning in the U.S. during what has been an early start to the fire season. Thousands of people have been evacuated. Much of the Southwest has been in the grips of drought for decades and warmer temperatures have combined with spring winds to make for dangerous fire conditions. Crews in Arizona were dealing with strong winds Monday as they battled a fire near the U.S.-Mexico border that forced several dozen people from their homes.

Fugitive inmate captured after manhunt, ex-jail officer dead

A former Alabama jail official on the run with a murder suspect she was accused of helping escape shot and killed herself Monday as authorities caught up with the pair after more than a week of searching, officials said. The man she fled with surrendered. The death of Vicky White, 56, only deepened the mystery of why a respected jail official would leave everything to help free Casey White, 38, a hulking inmate with a violent and frightening history. The two fugitives were caught—following a manhunt through three states—in Evansville, Indiana, when U.S. Marshals chasing them crashed into their vehicle, authorities said. Casey White gave himself up and Vicky White shot herself and was taken to a hospital, authorities said. Vanderburgh County Coroner Steve Lockyear said she died from her injuries. Before Vicky White's death, authorities celebrated the fugitives' apprehension. ***(AP)***

World

WORLD BRIEFS

Death toll from explosion at Havana hotel rises to 40

HAVANA (AP)—More bodies were pulled from the ruins of a luxury hotel in Cuba's capital Monday, bringing the official death toll of a powerful explosion at the iconic building to 40. Dr. Julio Guerra, chief of hospital services at the Ministry of Health, said at a news conference that more bodies had been recovered in the last few hours. He added that there were still 18 people hospitalized for injuries from Friday's blast at the 19th century Hotel Saratoga. Search crews with dogs have been hunting through debris in the hotel in Cuba's capital. Before the latest update given by Guerra, the toll of dead was 35, and 20 injured patients were listed as being hospitalized. The 96-room, five-star hotel in Old Havana was preparing to reopen after being closed for two years when an apparent gas leak ignited Friday, blowing the outer walls into the busy, midmorning streets just a block from Cuba's capitol. Several nearby structures also were damaged, including the historic Marti Theater and the Calvary Baptist Church, headquarters for the denomination in western Cuba.

Another Ecuador prison clash leaves 44 inmates dead

QUITO, Ecuador (AP)—A clash between rival Ecuadorian gangs killed 44 inmates, officials said Monday, little more than a month after another prison riot resulted in 20 deaths. Interior Minister Patricio Carrillo said at a news conference that one group of inmates left their cells to attack another inside the Bellavista lockup in Santo Domingo, some 70 kilometers (45 miles) west of Quito, the capital. "It's evident that those who lost their lives were executed by knives; most of the bodies had those characteristics," he said, and offered relatives help in transporting the bodies to their hometowns. The minister said firearms, explosives and other weapons were found after police assault teams helped retake control of the prison. Authorities said 220 prisoners escaped during the violence, of which 112 had been recaptured. The human rights group Amnesty International reported in March that at least 316 prisoners died in clashes in Ecuadorian prisons during 2020 including 119 who died during one riot in September of that year.

Putin marks Victory Day with little to show for 11-week war

ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine (AP)—With no major new battlefield successes to boast about, Russian President Vladimir Putin marked his country's biggest patriotic holiday without even uttering the word "Ukraine." The Russian leader oversaw a Victory Day parade Monday on Moscow's Red Square, watching as troops marched in formation and military hardware rolled past in a celebration of the Soviet Union's role in the 1945 defeat of Nazi Germany. Many Western analysts had expected Putin to use the holiday to trumpet some kind of victory in Ukraine or announce an escalation, but he did neither. Instead, he sought to justify the war again as a necessary response to what he portrayed as a hostile Ukraine. "The danger was rising by the day," Putin said. "Russia has given a preemptive response to aggression. It was forced, timely, and the only correct decision."

Sri Lankan prime minister resigns after weeks of protests

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Sri Lanka's prime minister resigned following weeks of protests demanding that he and his brother, the country's president, step down for dragging the nation into its worst economic crisis in decades. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa said on Twitter that he submitted his resignation to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, a move that followed a violent attack by government supporters on the protesters, prompting authorities to deploy armed troops in the capital, Colombo. Four people, including a ruling party lawmaker, died in Monday's violence, police spokesman Nihal Thalduwa told the Associated Press. President Rajapaksa imposed a countrywide curfew Monday evening lasting until Wednesday morning.

Shanghai tightens lockdown despite falling COVID cases

BEIJING (AP) — Authorities in Shanghai have again tightened anti-virus restrictions, just as the city was emerging from a month of strict lockdown due to a COVID-19 outbreak. Notices issued in several districts said residents were ordered to stay home and are barred from receiving nonessential deliveries as part of a "quiet period" lasting at least until Wednesday. The tightened measures could be extended depending on the results of mass testing, the notices said. "Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Together we can lift the lockdown at an early date," said one notice issued in the city's Huangpu district and posted online. It wasn't clear what prompted the renewed tightening, with numbers of new COVID-19 cases in the city continuing to fall.

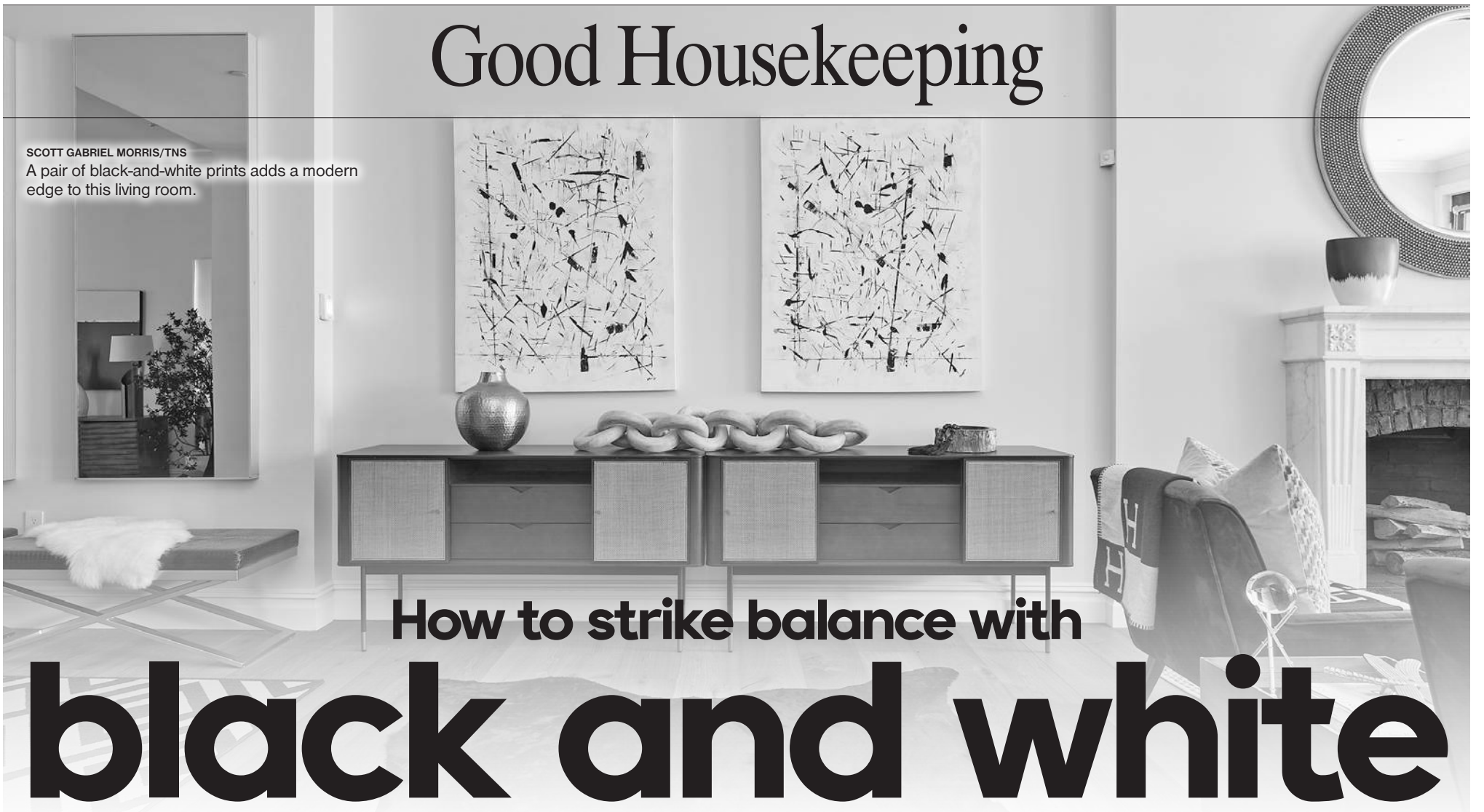
S. Korea's new leader offers support if North denuclearizes

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Yoon Suk Yeol, a conservative political neophyte, took office as South Korea's new president Tuesday with a vow to pursue a negotiated settlement of North Korea's threatening nuclear program and an offer of "an audacious plan" to improve Pyongyang's economy if it abandons its nuclear weapons. Yoon had promised a tougher stance on North Korea during his campaign but avoided tough words during his inaugural speech amid growing worries that the North is preparing for its first nuclear bomb test in nearly five years. North Korea has rejected similar past overtures by some of Yoon's predecessors that link incentives to progress in its denuclearization. "While North Korea's nuclear weapon programs are a threat, not only to our security but also to Northeast Asia, the door to dialogue will remain open so that we can peacefully resolve this threat," Yoon told a crowd gathered outside parliament in Seoul.

Supplies launched to China's new space station for next crew

BEIJING (AP)—A Chinese cargo vessel docked with the country's under-construction space station Tuesday ahead of a new three-person crew expected to arrive next month. The Tianzhou-4 spacecraft was slung into space atop a Long March-7 Y5 rocket at 1:56 a.m. from the Wenchang Launch Base in the southern island province of Hainan. State media said it docked with the station about seven hours later. The cargo vessel is carrying supplies for the next crew's six-month stay, along with research equipment and spare parts for maintaining the station. The station's last crew returned to Earth last month after six months on the station, China's longest space mission to date. China intends to finish building the station this year with the addition of two laboratory modules in July and October to link with the Tianhe living module that was launched in April 2021. Another cargo craft, the Tianzhou-3, remains docked with the station.

Good Housekeeping



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A pair of black-and-white prints adds a modern edge to this living room.

How to strike balance with

black and white

By CATHY HOBBS
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Black and white is a neutral color combination that can easily be dressed up or dressed down, while in many cases serving as the ideal foundation for nearly any color palette. The key, many designers argue, is striking the ideal balance for how and when to use combinations of the two colors in a space. Here are some top tips.

HANDOUT/TNS
Oversized black-and-white art helps add a element of whimsy to this neutral living space.

SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS
White accessories help highlight black furniture pieces.

SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS
A pairing of black-and-white accessories makes for a complementary contrasting color scheme.

HANDOUT/TNS
Large-scale black-and-white art helps ground this living space.

SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS
Black-and-white artwork creates a modern yet sophisticated look.

SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS
Black and white create a dominate but glamorous color palette.

DO'S

1. Do consider artwork to infuse black and white into a space.
2. Do incorporate black-and-white accents and accessories to infuse a black-and-white color scheme.
3. Do consider paint in the form of an accent wall to bring black and white into a space.
4. Do pair pops of color with a black-and-white color palette. Greens and yellows are colors that work well.
5. Do infuse large-scale elements of black and white into a space such as oversized artwork.

DON'TS

1. Don't oversaturate a space with too much black or too much white. A ratio of 50-50 or 70-30 is a good rule of thumb.
2. Don't incorporate overly dark elements in a room that doesn't get much light. In these cases, infuse tints, tones and shades of white, and use black as an accent.
3. Don't overlook opportunities to bring black and white into a space in big, bold ways such as larger furniture pieces and upholstery.
4. Don't ignore portable decor opportunities to bring in black and white such as toss pillows, throws and accessories.
5. Don't overdo it. Remember less is more. Use black and white as a foundation for your color story.

Life & Style

Pulitzer Prizes award Washington Post for Jan. 6 coverage

NEW YORK (AP)—The Washington Post won the Pulitzer Prize in public service journalism Monday for its coverage of the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, an attack on democracy that was a shocking start to a tumultuous year that also saw the end of the United States' longest war, in Afghanistan.

The Post's extensive reporting, published in a sophisticated interactive series, found numerous problems and failures in political systems and security before, during and after the Jan. 6, 2021, riot in the newspaper's own backyard.

The "compellingly told and vividly presented account" gave the public "a thorough and unflinching understanding of one of the nation's darkest days," said Marjorie Miller, administrator of the prizes, in announcing the award.

Five Getty Images photographers were awarded one of the two prizes in breaking news photography for their coverage of the riot.

The other prize awarded in breaking news photography went to Los Angeles Times correspondent and photographer Marcus Yam, for work related to the fall of Kabul.

The U.S. pullout and resurrection of the Taliban's grip on Afghanistan permeated across categories, with The New York Times winning in the international reporting category for reporting challenging official accounts of civilian deaths from U.S. airstrikes in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Pulitzer Prizes, administered by Columbia University and considered the most prestigious in American journalism, recognize work in 15 journalism categories and seven arts categories. This year's awards, which were livestreamed, honored work produced in 2021. The winner of the public service award receives a gold medal, while winners of each of the other categories get $15,000.

The intersection of health, safety and infrastructure played a prominent role among the winning projects.

The Tampa Bay Times won the investigative reporting award for "Poisoned," its in-depth look into a polluting lead factory. The Miami Herald took the breaking news award for its work covering the deadly Surfside condo tower collapse, while The Better Government Association and the Chicago Tribune won the local reporting award for "Deadly Fires, Broken Promises," the watchdog and newspaper's examination of a lack of enforcement of fire safety standards.

Nick Cave confirms son Jethro Lazenby, aged 31, has died

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Australian singer-songwriter Nick Cave has confirmed the death of his son Jethro Lazenby, aged 31.

"With much sadness, I can confirm that my son, Jethro, has passed away," the frontman of rock band Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds said in a statement Tuesday.

"We would be grateful for family privacy at this time," Cave added.

Fashion model, rapper, actor and photographer Lazenby was Cave's son with model Beau Lazenby born in Melbourne in 1991.

He was the eldest of Cave's four children, all boys.

One of Cave's twin sons with his current wife Susie Cave died in an accidental fall from a cliff near Brighton, England, in 2015. Arthur Cave had taken the psychedelic drug LSD before he fell.

Jethro Lazenby, who used the name Jethro Cave to help his modeling career, died in Melbourne after he was released from prison last week. Details of his death have not been revealed.

He had been in custody since shortly after he assaulted his mother during an argument in her Melbourne home on March 7 and left her bruised and bleeding, Melbourne's Herald Sun newspaper reported.

He pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful assault and to breaching court orders. He was released from a remand prison on strict bail conditions Thursday, the newspaper reported.

A magistrate ordered him to undergo substance abuse treatment and to avoid contact with his mother for two years. He was to return to court in June to be sentenced for the assault and for stealing from a convenience store.

He had been imprisoned in 2018 for assaulting a girlfriend.

Warhol's 'Marilyn' auction nabs $195M; most for US artist

NEW YORK (AP)—Andy Warhol's "Shot Sage Blue Marilyn" sold for a cool $195 million on Monday, making the iconic portrait of Marilyn Monroe the most expensive work by a U.S. artist ever sold at auction.

The 1964 silkscreen image shows Monroe in vibrant close-up—hair yellow, eyeshadow blue and lips red—on a rich blue background. It's also the most expensive piece from the 20th century ever auctioned, according to Christie's auction house in New York, where the sale took place.

AP

The 1964 painting Shot Sage Blue Marilyn by Andy Warhol is carried in Christie's showroom in New York City on Sunday, May 8, 2022.

The Warhol sale unseated the previous record holder and another modern master, Jean-Michel Basquiat, whose 1982 painting "Untitled" of a skull-like face sold for a record $110.5 million at Sotheby's in 2017.

Christie's said an unnamed buyer made the purchase Monday night. When the auction was announced earlier this year, they estimated it could go for as much as $200 million.

Joshua Cohen, the late Winfred Rembert win arts Pulitzers

NEW YORK (AP)—Joshua Cohen's "The Netanyahus," a comic and rigorous campus novel based on the true story of the father of former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu seeking a job in academia, has won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

Benzion Netanyahu, who died in 2012, was a medieval historian and ultra-nationalist who taught at several American schools, including the University of Denver and Cornell University. "The Netanyahus" is set around 1959-60 and centers on a Jewish historian at a university loosely based on Cornell who is asked to help decide whether to hire the visiting Israeli scholar. The novel, subtitled "An Account of a Minor and Ultimately Even Negligible Episode in the History of a Very Famous Family," has been highly praised for its blend of wit and intellectual debate about Zionism and Jewish identity.

"It is an infuriating, frustrating, pretentious piece of work—and also absorbing, delightful, hilarious, breathtaking and the best and most relevant novel I've read in what feels like forever," The New York Times' Taffy Brodesser-Akner wrote last June.

Many of the winners in the arts Monday were explorations of race and class, in the past and the present. Winners were also announced in several journalism categories.

James Ijames' "Fat Ham," an adaptation of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" set at a Black family's barbecue in the modern South, received the Pulitzer for drama. Raven Chacon, the first Native American composer to win a Pulitzer, was honored in the music category for "Voiceless Mass."

Widow eager to continue affair over the phone

DEAR ABBY: I am widowed after 45 years of marriage. A male work friend of 20 of those years wants to have a relationship with me but he's still married. We have already had incredible phone sex because he said he's in a sexless marriage. I enjoy our long conversations. He lives up north and I reside in Florida, so we won't meet in person. Since his wife refuses him sex and because he has been attracted to me from the day we met at work 20 years ago, what do you think about our continued phone sex?

GOOD CALL IN FLORIDA

DEAR GOOD CALL: To paraphrase William Shakespeare, "A rose is a rose by any other name." So is adultery. If, after having had 45 years of a presumably happy marriage, your goal might be to form a relationship that possibly leads to cohabitation, I would urge you to find someone who's available, rather than settle for phone sex that will lead nowhere with someone who's unavailable.

DEAR ABBY: Is there a polite way to ask my neighbor where his wife is? I've lived in a neighborhood for four years where most people keep to themselves. During COVID, I noticed this female neighbor taking multiple walks each day. I introduced myself and sometimes came across her on my walk. She was pleasant but didn't seem interested in being "friendly." She was ALWAYS on her phone every time she left the house. They have a young, teenage daughter who sometimes walked with her mom.

I haven't seen the woman in more than a year. The daughter and dad sometimes walk together with the dog. My reason for wanting to know is to understand their circumstance -- did she pass away, did she leave her husband? It's like she simply vanished.

CONCERNED NEIGHBOR IN A SMALL TOWN

DEAR CONCERNED: The next time you see the husband say, "I used to see your wife walking so often. I haven't seen her in about a year. How is she?"

DEAR ABBY: For the last 14 months, I've been in a relationship with a man I adore. Things have been great. There's just one problem, though, that really bothers me. He rents a room (his living room, actually) to his ex-girlfriend.

In the beginning, I didn't feel I had the right to say anything about it, and he assured me she would eventually move. Well, now we can't even discuss the issue without getting upset. He says it's financial. I say he could find another roommate. I suspect he's just making excuses. I don't think we can move forward in our relationship with this baggage in our way. I need some advice.

THIRD WHEEL IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WHEEL: Actually, I'm not sure you need my advice because your thinking is crystal clear. This man COULD find another "roommate" if he was so inclined. My intuition tells me he may be getting more from his "ex"-girlfriend than rent money. I completely agree that your relationship won't move forward with that "baggage" in the way. That's why it's time to ... move on.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY

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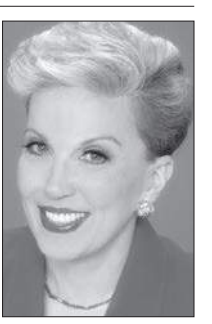

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

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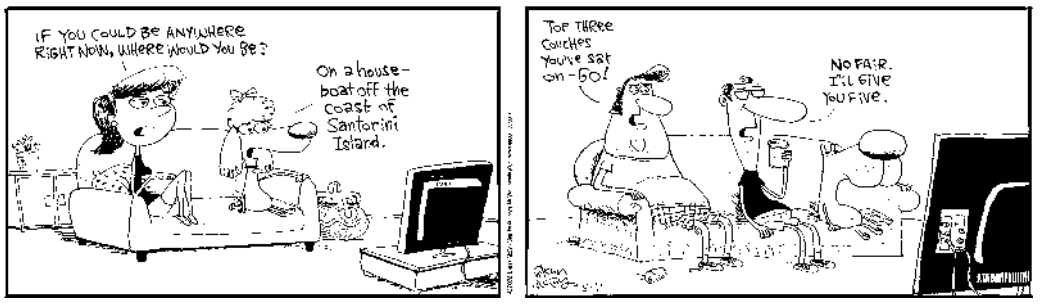
By Bryan Basset

WHAT'S THIS NOW?
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HEARD, BUT MOM'S BOOK IS BECOMING A MOTION PICTURE.
I'M JUST ADAPTING TO MY NEW LIFE AS HOLLYWOOD ROYALTY.
M'KAY, LET ME GET A PIC.
YOU PEPPERONI JACKALS NEVER STOP!!
(PAPARAZZI JACKALS.)

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


IF YOU COULD BE ANYWHERE RIGHT NOW, WHERE WOULD YOU BE?
On a house-boat off the coast of Santorini Island.
TOP THREE COUCHES YOU'VE SAT ON - GO!
NO FAIR. I'LL GIVE YOU FIVE.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Buddies
5 U.S. soldiers
8 "The Thin Man" dog
12 Overdue
13 Shock partner
14 Gush
15 Info-mercial command
17 Navy com-mando
18 Tried
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22 Fringe benefit
23 Kids' card game
26 Soon-to-be grads
28 Looks after
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35 Chimney grime
36 Omens
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40 Kid's question
41 Amusing antic
43 "Big Blue"
45 Body art
47 Be a go-between
51 Litter's littlest
52 "Hush!"
54 Okla-homa tribe
55 Sounds of hesitation
56 Loyal
57 Columnist Maureen
58 Prefix with gram or center
59 Congers

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1 Con-spiracy
2 Bern's river
3 Classic Fords
4 Handle
5 Male geese
6 — Jima
7 Clinch
8 Guaran-tees
9 "This is the time to say some-thing"
10 Blue shade
11 Punc-turing tools
16 Cincin-nati team
20 "Game, —, match!"
23 Director Craven
24 "Exodus" hero
25 Pronto
27 Erie Canal mule
29 Homer's cry
30 Pigs' digs
32 In a tangle
34 Capital east of the Black Sea
37 Actress Phillipa
39 Theater award
42 Chef's hat
44 Not glossy
45 Walked (on)
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49 Satan's pur-chase
50 Woolly moms
53 Diamond arbiter

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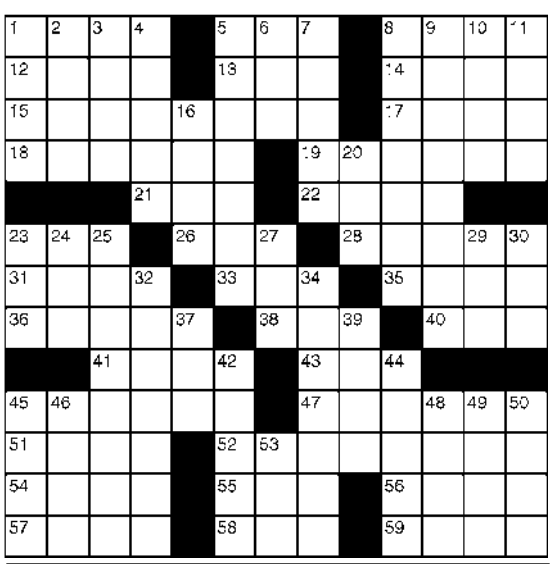

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: David Alvarez, 28; Holly Valance, 39; Frances Fisher, 70; Eric Burdon, 81.

Happy Birthday: Your intuition will encourage you to follow through with the changes you want to incorporate into your everyday routine. A chance to get ahead or find new outlets for your skills, experience and knowledge will help you flourish. Don't sit back; move forward with enthusiasm, and push the envelope as far as you can to reach your destination. Your numbers are 9, 13, 20, 29, 34, 46, 49.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Keep your ideas private. Pay attention to health, fitness and taking better care of yourself. Consider a lifestyle change that uses your skills to help a cause or follow a dream that encourages satisfaction and peace of mind. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Separate yourself from troublemakers or those who tend to slow you down or get in your way. Focus on what you can accomplish by taking the road less traveled and following your heart. The adjustments you make leave an impression. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Keep a close watch over what's happening. Call on experience to help you make decisions that can affect your position or financial lifeline. High-quality skills and discipline will encourage success, even if someone tries to make you look bad. ✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Adjust whatever isn't working for you. Move things around to make it more convenient for you to take care of your responsibilities. Avoid anything that might jeopardize your health. Use your courage and strength to get things done your way. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Pay attention to detail, take care of business before moving on to something more enjoyable. A change of pace or updating your appearance will give you a boost, encourage you to socialize. An informative conversation will get your interest. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Put more thought into the changes you want to make or the skills you want to incorporate into your everyday life. Embrace change, and make a point to learn something that will help you improve your life and your relationships with others. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* You need to consider what's best for you. Don't feel you have to invest in someone or something that doesn't interest you. Pay attention to what makes you happy, and put your energy into pastimes that cater to your needs. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Socialize with someone who makes you think. A healthy conversation will get you thinking about how you live and how you handle your finances and health. Don't limit what you can do by sitting idle when change is required. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Be careful what you share. Sensitive information in the wrong hands can turn into a costly venture. Avoid situations that are out of control, extravagant or overindulgent. Make positive changes that encourage a healthy lifestyle. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* You'll develop a genius idea that saves you a bundle. Don't hesitate to revamp the way you do things if you find an efficient way to get something in record time. Stick to a budget and use your skills wisely. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Push your way forward and follow your plans. Move things around to suit your schedule, and refrain from making unnecessary changes because someone else does. Be smart, stick close to home and do what's best for you. Romance is favored. ✪✪✪

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Birthday Baby: You are energetic, resourceful and broad-minded. You are protective and reticent.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/11

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

3	9	5	4	2	8	7	6	1
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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

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SUPERDAWG OF CHICAGO — Solution: 10 letters

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Curry, Warriors rally past Grizzlies 101-98 for 3-1 lead

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Stephen Curry converted eight free throws over the final 45.7 seconds on the way to 32 points, leading the Golden State Warriors' fourth-quarter comeback for a 101-98 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday night and a 3-1 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

Curry also dished out eight assists and grabbed five rebounds as Golden State rallied to win without coach Steve Kerr after he tested positive for COVID-19 less than two hours before tipoff.

Curry took charge just like he has so many times on the playoff stage and now his Warriors are one win from a trip to the Western Conference finals for the first time since 2019. He tied it at 90 on a fall-away baseline jumper with 3:25 to go and his two free throws with 45.7 seconds to go gave the Warriors a 94-93 lead, their first of the night.

Tyus Jones had 19 points, six rebounds and five assists as Memphis missed injured All-Star Ja Morant. Dillon Brooks returned from a one-game suspension and struggled mightily, missing a 3-point try with 53 seconds left and finishing 5 for 19 with 12 points, eight assists and five rebounds.

Andrew Wiggins had 17 points and 10 rebounds and Klay Thompson scored 14 points despite missing all seven of his 3-point attempts for the cold-shooting Warriors, who didn't have to contend with do-everything Morant this time. The Grizzlies guard missed the game with soreness in his right knee after Jordan Poole grabbed him while going for a loose ball late in Game 3 — leading Morant and Memphis coach Taylor Jenkins to question Poole's intentions.

AP

Golden State Warriors guard Klay Thompson (11) shoots over Memphis Grizzlies forward Jaren Jackson Jr. (13) during the first half of Game 4 of an NBA basketball Western Conference playoff semifinal in San Francisco, Monday, May 9, 2022

It remained unclear whether Morant would be back for Game 5 on Wednesday in Memphis.

Brooks sat out Game 3 as a penalty by the league for his Flagrant 2 foul that injured Gary Payton II in Game 2, when Brooks hit the Golden State guard over the head on a driving layup attempt and Payton fell hard and broke his left elbow. Kerr called it a "dirty" play and said Brooks had broken an NBA code of conduct.

Brooks was booed nearly every time he touched the ball, fouled or when he checked back into the game.

Golden State trailed 69-62 going into the fourth quarter after Desmond Bane's 32-foot 3-pointer beat the third-quarter buzzer. However, both teams struggled all night to make their 3s.

Kerr was replaced by associate head coach Mike Brown, who agreed Sunday to become the Sacramento Kings new coach after this postseason run.

Poole scored 14 off the bench for the Warriors as they survived a nail-biter following a postseason-record point total in Saturday's 142-112 Game 3 blowout.

Celtics 116, Bucks 108

In Milwaukee, Al Horford has played in more than two dozen postseason series in a 15-year NBA career but rarely has outwardly shown much emotion during all those appearances.

That all changed Monday night.

The 35-year-old Horford had just capped a 10-0 run by driving down the baseline, hitting a game-tying dunk and drawing a foul on two-time MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo. Horford celebrated by letting out a scream and pumping his fists.

Horford's big moment was the signature play in a fourth-quarter comeback that enabled the Boston Celtics to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 116-108 and tie their Eastern Conference semifinal at two games apiece.

"I usually just kind of go about my business," said Horford, who finished with a career playoff-high 30 points. "I do get excited, but I guess you kind of pick your spots, your moments. This was an emotional game."

The teams have alternated victories in this best-of-seven series, which continues Wednesday with Game 5 in Boston.

Boston tied the series mainly because of Horford and Jayson Tatum, who also had 30 points. Horford had 16 points and Tatum 12 in the fourth quarter alone to help the Celtics outscore the defending NBA champions 43-28.

"We love Al," said Boston's Marcus Smart, who scored 18 points. "Best vet we've ever had. Best vet I've ever had. He comes in, never changes whether things are going bad or good. He's going to be him, and nine times out of 10, it's going to work out in our favor."

Horford and Tatum helped the Celtics rally even while Jaylen Brown dealt with foul trouble that caused him to play less than half of the fourth quarter. The Celtics played the whole game without forward/center Robert Williams, who was out with soreness in his surgically repaired left knee.

Horford had Boston's first six points and Tatum the last eight during a 14-2 run that put the Celtics ahead for good and gave them a 106-96 advantage with 3:33 left. The Bucks wouldn't cut the margin below six the rest of the way.

Tatum had 13 rebounds and five assists while bouncing back from a poor performance in a 103-101 Game 3 loss, when he had 10 points and shot 4 for 19.

"I played a terrible Game 3 and we almost had a chance to win," Tatum said. "That was really the toughest part, was knowing that. I was really eager to get back and ready to play."

Horford said he was motivated by an encounter he had earlier in the game with Antetokounmpo, who had 34 points, 18 rebounds and five assists. Antetokounmpo drew a technical foul in the first half when he stared down Horford after a dunk.

"I don't really know what he said to me, but the way he was looking at me and the way he was going about it, really didn't sit well with me," Horford said. "At that point, I think just something switched with me in the game."

Horford got his own technical foul on his game-tying dunk because his left arm landed on Antetokounmpo's face as he was coming down.

After shooting just 40% through the first three quarters of the game, the Celtics went 16 of 19 overall and 4 of 5 from 3-point range in the final period. Horford was 6 of 6 and Tatum 5 of 6.

"Down the stretch, they made shots," Antetokounmpo said. "They executed well. They were disciplined."

Horford sparked the rally after Boston trailed by 11 late in the third quarter.

The Celtics tied the game on Horford's dunk with 9:51 left in the game, but that was just one of several huge plays he made.

After Brook Lopez scored the game's next four points to put the Bucks back ahead, the Celtics responded with a 7-0 run and broke an 85-all tie on Horford's 3-pointer with 8:08 left.

The Bucks regained the lead 94-92 when Antetokounmpo hit a driving layup and drew a foul on Horford with 6:02 left. But after Antetokounmpo missed the free throw, Horford started the 14-2 run that put the Celtics in control.

"Al had a hell of a game," said Milwaukee's Jrue Holiday, who scored 16 points but shot 5 of 22. " I think we came down and had some shots we usually make, and we couldn't finish those. But give them credit. They made more plays."

Horford hit a corner 3-pointer to put the Celtics back ahead with 5:40 left and followed that with a conventional three-point play that made it 98-94 with 5:09 remaining.

After the Celtics lost Game 3 because his potential tying basket came just after the buzzer, Horford made sure this series returned to Boston all tied up.

"We all understood the importance of this game," Horford said. "We felt at the end of Game 3 we were in position to win the game, and we didn't. I was just really locked in. I understood the moment, what we needed to do as a group. I really just did whatever it took tonight. It was one of those type of nights."

Suns' Williams voted NBA Coach of the Year after 64 wins

PHOENIX (AP)—Monty Williams now has the honor that his Phoenix Suns players have been clamoring that he receive for two years: NBA's Coach of the Year.

Good luck getting him to take credit.

"I've often said about my life that God knocks the ball out of the park and I get to run the bases," Williams said. "Yeah, my name goes on the plaque, but my name represents a lot of names."

The 50-year-old Williams won the award on Monday after leading the Suns to a franchise-record 64 wins during the regular season. They were NBA's best team by far, finishing with eight more wins than any other team.

Williams joins Cotton Fitzsimmons (1988-89) and Mike D'Antoni (2004-05) as coaches who have won the award with the Suns.

The runner-up to New York's Tom Thibodeau last season, Williams was the runaway winner this time. He received 81 of 100 first-place votes from a global panel of 100 sportswriters and broadcasters, finishing with 458 points.

Memphis' Taylor Jenkins was second with 17 first-place votes and 270 points. Miami's Erik Spoelstra and Boston's Ime Udoka also received a first-place vote.

Williams is known for his calming presence on the sideline and tight relationships with players. He was brought to Phoenix in 2019 to rebuild a franchise that had been among the worst in the NBA over the previous decade and quickly delivered, especially once 12-time All-Star point guard Chris Paul signed with the Suns in 2020.

Williams said bonding with his players and their families has been rewarding.

"It's probably more important than everything that we do, from the X's and O's to the drills, to even playing games," Williams said. "I've probably lost out on jobs because people thought I was more interested in the relationship piece than the competition piece. I think they both go hand in hand."

Paul and fellow All-Star guard Devin Booker both posted on social media earlier Monday that Williams had won the award, even though no official announcement has been made.

Said Booker on Twitter: "Phoenix Suns coach Monty Williams has been voted the NBA's COY, book tells sources. A formal announcement is expected later today."

Paul added: "WD WS… Congrats Coach Mont on Coach of the Year!!" The WD WS reference is a motto for the Suns, which means well done is better than well said.

Phoenix won a franchise-record 18 consecutive games from Oct. 30 to Dec. 2, including a 16-0 record in November. That was tied for the second-most wins in a month without a loss in NBA history, trailing Atlanta's 17-0 record in January 2015.

Williams led the Suns to the NBA Finals last season, where they lost to the Milwaukee Bucks in six games. They are currently tied 2-2 with the Dallas Mavericks in the Western Conference semifinals.

This is Williams' second head coaching job in the NBA. He led the New Orleans Pelicans for five seasons from 2010 to 2015, making the playoffs twice, but was fired after being swept in the first round of the playoffs in 2015.

Paul played for Williams during part of his tenure in New Orleans. The two reunited in the desert and have had considerable success.

Both are still searching for a title, but have learned to enjoy the smaller victories along the way.

Ohtani hits 2 homers, 1st grand slam; Angels beat Rays

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)— Shohei Ohtani can do it all on a baseball field, yet the Japanese two-way sensation had never hit a grand slam as a professional.

He changed that Monday night.

Ohtani's first slam came on a two-homer night, Mike Trout also homered and the surging Los Angeles Angels beat the Tampa Bay Rays 11-3.

"Honestly I didn't know it was my first one. In my head I thought I hit one in Japan, but I guess not," Ohtani said through his interpreter.

The AL MVP hit two homers in a game for the second time this season and eighth in the majors. Ohtani had a solo shot in the sixth inning off Jalen Beeks. In the seventh, he connected on a 3-1 cutter from Calvin Faucher, who was making his big-league debut, and sent it over the wall in left for the Angels' third grand slam this season.

"I wasn't expecting to hit two home runs," said Ohtani, who has gone deep six times this season. "I wasn't sitting on any particular pitches. If the ball was in the zone, I wanted to put good swings on it. Trout set the tone the previous at-bat by hitting that home run."

Ohtani — who will receive his AL MVP Award before Tuesday's game — is one homer shy of becoming the third

Japanese-born player to reach 100 in the majors. He has 147 in his professional career, including 48 with the Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters in five seasons in Japan's Nippon Professional Baseball league.

Tampa Bay manager Kevin Cash said it was not the ideal debut for Faucher, but he had some perspective.

"He got the first three guys on and then had the wrong three guys coming up. Hopefully he can look back and have the appreciation he was pitching to Trout and Ohtani," Cash said.

Ohtani also finished with three hits on the night to raise his batting average to .252, the highest it has been since April 29. Ohtani came into the game in a 5-for-27 May slump, but after getting a two-run double and scoring the winning run in the ninth inning in Sunday's 5-4 win over Washington, Ohtani has shown manager Joe Maddon signs of rediscovering his swing.

"He has booked better. I mean, when the ball is going on left center, he just been a little bit underneath everything and now the angles have gotten better off the bat. If we could keep them right there for the next several months," Maddon said.

Trout and Jared Walsh also went deep and drove in three runs each for the Angels, who have won five of six.

Randy Arozarena homered and Wander Franco had three hits for the Rays, who have dropped their last two after winning six straight.

Trout's two-run shot to left field off Beeks in the sixth inning extended the Angels' lead to 5-1. Ohtani then homered on the next pitch, the fourth time the two MVPs have connected in consecutive at-bats and the first since June 8, 2019.

Arozarena gave the Rays a 1-0 lead in the fourth inning with a drive into the right-center field bleachers off Noah Syndergaard (3-1).

The Angels responded in the bottom half. Trout singled through the hole at shortstop, Ohtani hit a high fly ball that center fielder Kevin Kiermaier lost in the lights for a single, and Walsh hit a three-run shot to center off Jeffrey Springs (1-1).

Walsh extended his hitting streak to six games. He is 10 for 24 over that stretch with four home runs and 12 RBIs.

AP

Los Angeles Angels designated hitter Shohei Ohtani (17) reacts as he runs the bases after hitting a grand slam home run during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays in Anaheim, Calif., Monday, May 9, 2022.

Guardians 12, White Sox 9

In Charlotte, Josh Naylor hit a tying grand slam with two outs in the ninth inning and a three-run homer in the 11th, powering a huge comeback that carried Cleveland past Chicago.

Naylor also had a run-scoring double in the eighth and finished with eight RBIs for the Guardians, who stunned Chicago by rallying from an 8-2 deficit in the ninth aided by two White Sox errors.

Andrés Giménez led off the inning with a homer and then doubled home a run in the 10th as the Guardians snapped Chicago's six-game winning streak. They have won eight of 10 following a seven-game skid.

Naylor's go-ahead drive came off Ryan Burr (0-1) and barely cleared the right-field fence. Emmanuel Clase (1-2) allowed a run in the 10th but earned the win. Trevor Stephan pitched a perfect 11th for his second major league save and first this season.

Yankees 1, Rangers 0

In New York, Nestor Cortes took a no-hit bid into the eighth inning before Eli White singled, and Anthony Rizzo doubled in a run in the bottom half to lift New York over Texas for its sixth straight series win.

Cortes pitched a career-high 7 1/3 innings, walked four and struck out 11, one shy of his high. He threw 68 of 103 pitches for strikes.

White, the Rangers' No. 9 batter lofted a 2-2 fastball into short center field for a clean hit on Cortes' final pitch. Clay Holmes (4-0) relieved and got Marcus Semien to ground into a double play.

Aaron Judge singled in the eighth off Brett Martin (0-3) and Rizzo, in a 2-for-31 slide, lofted a curveball to the opposite-field gap in left-center.

Aroldis Chapman allowed a two-out single to Jonah Heim in the ninth, then retired Nick Solak on a flyout to finish the two-hitter for his seventh save.

Giants 8, Rockies 5

In San Francisco, Carlos Rodón matched his season high with 12 strikeouts in six innings and San Francisco beat Colorado.

Mauricio Dubón had three hits, including his second homer in three days, and drove in three runs as the Giants won their eighth straight against the Rockies dating to last season. Austin Slater added a pair of singles.

Rodón (4-1) pitched around traffic much of the game but benefited from two double plays and a steady fastball clocked at 97 mph in the sixth, when the left-hander whiffed NL home run leader C.J. Cron and Elias Díaz.

Dubón got the Giants going with a sacrifice fly off Austin Gomber (2-3) in the first inning, then extended the lead to 3-0 with a two-run homer to center field in the third.

Pirates 5, Dodgers 1

In Pittsburgh, Jose Quintana pitched six scoreless innings for his first win since 2019 and the first victory by a Pittsburgh starting pitcher this season.

The Pirates also ended a 16-game losing streak against the Dodgers dating to 2018 and snapped Los Angeles' six-game winning streak.

Quintana (1-1) allowed four hits and four walks while striking out five. His previous win came on Sept. 5, 2019 at Milwaukee while pitching for the Chicago Cubs.

Julio Urias (2-2) allowed two runs in six-plus innings while scattering 11 hits. He struck out four and walked none.

Cubs 6, Padres 0

In San Diego, Kyle Hendricks came within one out of a three-hit shutout for Chicago, which beat listless San Diego to snap a season-high five-game losing streak.

Hendricks (2-3) didn't allow a runner to reach scoring position as he continued his mastery of the Padres. He struck out seven and walked one to improve to 8-2 overall against San Diego and 5-1 at Petco Park.

The Padres were shut out for the second time in three games.

Ian Happ drove in two runs for the Cubs, who handed rookie lefty MacKenzie Gore (2-1) his first loss. They took a 1-0 lead two batters in after Willson Contreras singled to right and scored on Seiya Suzuki's double to left. Suzuki left the game in the middle of the sixth with a sore right ankle.

Phillies 9, Mariners 0

In Seattle, Jean Segura and Rhys Hoskins hit back-to-back home runs in the second inning, Ranger Suárez tossed six strong innings and Philadelphia beat Seattle.

Nick Castellanos finished with three hits, including two doubles. Castellanos' RBI double in the fourth was the start of a three-run inning off Chris Flexen.

Suárez (3-1) struck out a season-high seven in his best performance of the season.

Flexen (1-5) had not allowed more than three earned runs in his first five starts. The six earned runs were the most since last July, when he gave up seven runs to Houston.

Diamondbacks 4, Marlins 3

In Phoenix, Ketel Marte hit a go-ahead solo homer, Daulton Varsho and Christian Walker each added two hits, and Arizona kept rolling with a win over slumping Miami.

The Diamondbacks have won six of seven. The Marlins have dropped eight of nine and lead the majors in one-run losses with 10.

Kyle Nelson (1-0) earned his first big-league win with a scoreless inning of relief. Mark Melancon picked up his sixth save, working around a leadoff single.

Miami starter Elieser Hernandez (2-2) gave up four runs, including three earned, over 5 1/3 innings. He was chased in the sixth inning after Marte's tie-breaking homer.

Orioles 6, Royals 1

In Baltimore, Tyler Wells pitched six strong innings to earn his first victory of the season and Baltimore used a six-run fifth inning to surge past Kansas City.

Baltimore has won four of five for the first time this season and finished its homestand 5-4. Kansas City has lost seven of its past nine to fall a season-high eight games under .500.

Wells (1-2) allowed Ryan O'Hearn's RBI single in the first, but cruised through the rest of his start. He retired 15 of the last 18 batters he faced and struck out three in the longest outing of his career.

The Orioles had only four hits in their fifth-inning rally against Royals starter Carlos Hernández (0-2).

Reds 10, Brewers 5

In Cincinnati, Colin Moran homered in his third straight at-bat, Brandon Drury and Kyle Farmer each hit a three-run homer, and Cincinnati won two straight games for the first time this season.

The Reds, baseball's worst team at 6-23, bounced back after being swept in three games at Milwaukee last week by a combined score of 34-12.

Moran connected in the second inning off Brandon Woodruff (3-2) to make it 1-0. His first longball of the season was a grand slam in the sixth inning of Sunday's 7-3 win over the Pirates, and he hit a two-run blast in his next at-bat.

Luis Castillo, who missed all of spring training and the first 28 games with a right shoulder strain, made his season debut for Cincinnati. Luis Cessa (1-0) escaped the fifth before allowing two runs in the sixth.

Athletics 2, Tigers 0

In Detroit, Paul Blackburn threw 6 2/3 strong innings to improve to 4-0 as Oakland beat Detroit to snap a season-high nine-game losing streak.

Tony Kemp hit a solo home run in the third and Chad Pinder added an RBI single in the fourth.

Blackburn gave up four hits and struck out three before leaving in the seventh inning. Despite walking two batters, rookie Dany Jiménez escaped damage and earned his fifth save to finish off the four-hitter.

Michael Pineda (1-2) took the loss, despite allowing only two runs on six hits in 6.2 innings. Javier Báez and manager A.J. Hinch were ejected after arguing balls and strikes in the ninth after Báez was called out on strikes.

HANMI Charity Classic Golf tourney on Sept 17

The 20th Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament will be held on Sept. 17, 2022, at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort in Saipan. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The 20th Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament will be held on Sept. 17, 2022, at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort west course.

"The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands is pleased to announce the return of our annual tournament in September," said HANMI chair Ivan Quichocho. "For two decades, HANMI has been benefiting charitable organizations and worthy causes through our tournament, and we are incredibly grateful to all our sponsors and supporters for making this possible. Under the leadership of chair Juko Ishikawa, our tournament committee is working to deliver another great tournament on Sept. 17, and we invite everyone to be a part of this milestone tournament."

The tournament will be open to the first 144 paid registrants. Registration forms will be available shortly at www.saipanhotels.org or www.facebook.com/HANMI670.

"We always aim to make the HANMI golf tournament better each year, and we hope to do the same in 2022," said Ishikawa, who has been a part of the HANMI golf tournament committee since 2005. "Everyone has a chance to win with HANMI, thanks to our popular blackjack double Peoria format. We hope everyone will participate again this year.."

The early bird tournament fee is $120 and includes green fee and the awards luncheon. The fee increases to $140 after the early bird deadline on Friday, Sept. 3, at 5pm. For an additional $30 players may also compete for optional play prizes, including longest drive (male and female), accurate drive, aggressive drive, and four chances for nearest to the pin. Showtime is 6am and the tournament will start at 7am. The awards banquet will immediately follow the tournament at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort.

Sponsor packages include Hole-in-One, Presidential Suite, Deluxe, Superior, VIP and In-kind, providing various levels of complimentary player slots, and publicity and marketing.

To sponsor the tournament or for more information, contact Tournament chair Juko Ishikawa at worldresort@pticom.com or visit www.facebook.com/HANMI670. ***(PR)***

Lizama completes grand slam at Laolao west

Lizama

Retired Superior Court judge Juan T. Lizama shot a net 72 to finish in first place in the Ye Olde Saipanne Golfe Clubbe's weekly tournament at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's west course last Saturday to complete an unprecedented "Grand Slam"— winning the tournament four weeks in a row over each of the four 18-hole golf courses on Saipan.

His victories on the previous three Saturdays came at Coral Ocean Point, Kingfisher Golf Links, and the Laolao Bay east course.

No member of the Ye Olde Saipanne Golfe Clubbe had ever won four weeks running. Making the feat especially impressive is the fact that Lizama is the oldest current member of the club, a fact that he reminded the younger members of multiple times at the 19th hole, held this week at Bags & Beans restaurant in Kagman.

Lizama attributed his recent successes on the links to a new putting stroke "smooth, no more punching" and sanguine outlook "I expect to get a par on every hole".

The Grand Slam artist continues to defend his title this coming Saturday at the Kingfisher Golf Links. ***(PR)***

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April 30 where she scored four goals. With Saralu adding five more goals in the finals, she finished the season with 30—the most in the division.

Joining Saralu on the champion team are Briannie Echalico, Mathea Tesero, Selena Atalig, Kalia Mendiola, and Precious Castro. Paire, besides Beatrice, Phoenix, and Windsor Gross, had Alana Hayes, Morgan Castro, and Hannah Li on its roster.

Paire reached the finals after nipping Kanoa-1 in the other semis pairing, 5-4. Kanoa-1, after losing on its bid to move into the championship game, settled for the third place honors following a 3-1 win over TanHoldings-1 in the consolation match last weekend.

It was a come-from-behind victory for Kanoa-1, as TanHoldings-1 clung to a 1-0 lead at halftime. Kanoa-1 then turned the tables on TanHoldings-1 in the second half, thanks to Lynn Ha Ya's hat trick. Ya's goal in the opening minute of the second half allowed Kanoa-1 to tie the match and she continued leading the team, knocking in two more goals to complete the comeback. Ya's second goal was registered in the 22nd minute, while the third and last was logged two minutes later.

Meanwhile, the boys U13 title game between Paire and MP United Pink last Saturday has been rescheduled. The two teams were set to duel for the division title yesterday afternoon and results of the match were unavailable at press time, along with the third place game between MP United Blue and Matansa. MP United Pink advanced to the finals after shutting down Matansa, 3-0, while Paire escaped with a 2-1 win over MP United Blue to notch the other finals berth.

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Star Wars celebration."

This was a far cry from his childhood where there were no Star War events for the fandom on-island.

"When I was a kid there were no events that celebrate Star Wars on Saipan. Thanks to Jedi Masters Ron Snyder, Galvin Deleon Guerrero and myself, it's a dream come true for fans on Saipan now. Next year we will flip the script and celebrate Revenge of the 6th (or 5th) and go for a Dark Side theme. This is a warning for people wanting to win the cosplay next year. Put down the clone mask and pick up the stormtrooper and Darth Vader!" he said.

The Run Saipan president also gave kudos to everyone who made the 2nd Annual Star Wars Day Run possible.

"We thank everyone that made this happen from our sponsors as well as volunteers and especially the race director Dr Ron Snyder. Special shout out to Grace Christian Academy for lending their lightsaber and help at this year's celebration."

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"For me personally? Wow! It's a dream. I walked onto center court after visiting the Wimbledon office about 40 years ago. Now I have the honor to be going there as a coach. I don't know what kind of system that they may adopt for entry into this event in the future, but I hope that the ITF (International Tennis Federation) continues to give wildcards to regional associations like our OTF so that more kids like La Hunn get an opportunity like this," he said.

Race said he expects to join Lam in England by late June or early July.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	20	8	.714	–
Tampa Bay	18	12	.600	3
Toronto	17	13	.567	4
Baltimore	12	17	.414	8½
Boston	10	19	.345	10½

Central Division

Minnesota	18	11	.621	–
Cleveland	15	14	.517	3
Chicago	14	14	.500	3½
Kansas City	9	17	.346	7½
Detroit	8	20	.286	9½

West Division

Los Angeles	20	11	.645	–
Houston	18	11	.621	1
Seattle	13	17	.433	6½
Texas	11	16	.407	7
Oakland	11	18	.379	8

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	20	10	.667	–
Atlanta	14	16	.467	6
Miami	13	16	.448	6½
Philadelphia	13	16	.448	6½
Washington	10	20	.333	10

Central Division

Milwaukee	19	11	.633	–
St. Louis	16	12	.571	2
Pittsburgh	12	16	.429	6
Chicago	10	18	.357	8
Cincinnati	6	23	.207	12½

West Division

Los Angeles	19	8	.704	–
San Diego	19	11	.633	1½
San Francisco	17	12	.586	3
Colorado	16	13	.552	4
Arizona	16	14	.533	4½

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Southern United takes girls U13 crown

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Southern United Football Club outgunned Paire Football Club in the finals, 5-2, to clinch the girls U13 division championship in the TakeCare NMIFA Youth Spring League 2022 last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Rosie Saralu lifted Southern United to the title win, as she delivered all five goals for the team. The Francisco M. Sablan Middle School student made it to the board early with her goal in the fifth minute, while Beatrice Gross countered five minutes later to even out the count. Saralu then put Southern United back on top with her second goal in the 15th minute, while Beatrice's sister, Phoenix, answered quickly with a conversation in the 16th. The finale remained tied at halftime, but when the game resumed, Saralu remained on target to hand Southern United the championship, as Paire fired blanks and failed to neutralize its opponent's striker.

Saralu completed a hat-trick to break the tie right in the opening minute of the second half and capped her domination in the title match with a pair of goals that were recorded in the 24th and 27th. She picked up where she left off in their 7-2 semis win over TanHoldings-1 last

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MICHAELA PANGANIBAN

Southern United Football Club's Rosie Saralu, left, tries to stop the ball, while Paire Football Club's Phoenix Gross stays close on defense during their title game in the girls U13 division of the TakeCare NMIFA Youth Spring League 2022 last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Agape Team 1 tops Rebel Alliance run

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Agape Team 1 was the fastest team in Run Saipan's 2nd Annual Star Wars Day Run last Saturday at the American Memorial Park.

Eason Tang (20:54), David Zhao (21:04), Jason Cao (21:12), and Peter Hu (22:10) all finished in the Top 7 to help Agape Team 1 win the Rebel Alliance Run.

Agape Christian School pastor Kok H. Pang said there's really no secret why ACS has fast runners. "ACS produces fastest runners because most of them are boarding students and they are required to run five times a week, 2 kilometers each day to keep fit," he said.

Agape Team 1 beat out four other ACS boys teams, three ACS girls teams, Knights of the Old, and SIS Lady Geckos for the team plum.

In the Star Wars costume competition, Theo and Michael Rodgers' *Empire Strikes Back* AT-AT, Julie's *The Force Awakens'* Scavenger Rey, Camille's *The Force Awakens'* Scavenger Rey, Barbara Payne's *A New Hope's* Princess Leia, and Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero's *Return of the Jedi's* Luke Skywalker were the best of the day.

Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr., a certified Star Wars fan, was ecstatic with the over 200 runners that showed up for the event.

"I'm in shock with the turnout. I was positive we would have higher numbers since Run Saipan went public compared to last year but this year was ridiculous. We had 134 5K Jedi runners and 100 Padawan children for the 1-miler. I'm very happy that Saipan had so many people strong in the Force and supporting Saipan's only official annual

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Agape Team 1 poses with all participants from Agape Christian School during Run Saipan's 2nd Annual Star Wars Day Run last Saturday at the American Memorial Park.

Lam to represent Oceania in Wimbledon

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A former tennis prodigy from the CNMI will play in the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club two months from now after La Hunn Lam has been invited as a wildcard entry representing Oceania in the 2022 Wimbledon.

The 12-year-old learned how to play tennis in the CNMI under the tutelage of CNMI national coach and Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association president Jeff Race before moving to Europe prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

He now resides in Mallorca, Saipan and is coached by none other than 21-time grand slam winner Rafa Nadal's uncle, Tony.

"My initial reaction was too amazed, my jaw dropped. I'm trying my best to train harder with great motivation. I am excited, honored, and elated that I can't express it in words," Lam said in a message to *Saipan Tribune*.

Race, for his part, said getting invited to one of the four majors in tennis is a great opportunity for Lam.

"I think it's great that Wimbledon is adding a 14's competition. It's an incredible opportunity for a young athlete like La Hunn. I know that he's a young guy that absolutely loves the sport and I believe that this can be something that motivates him like nothing else could," the NMSA Hall of Famer said.

Race actually will be accompanying Lam to Wimbledon in July as he's been selected by the Oceania Tennis Federation to serve as his former ward's coach in the world-class competition.

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